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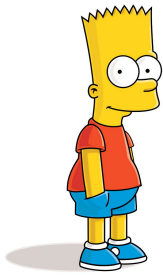
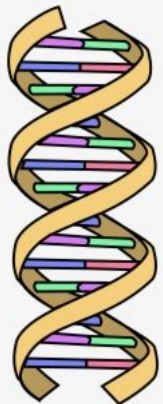

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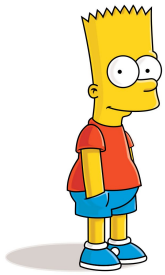
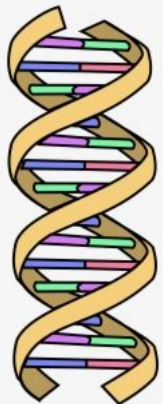

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Obs: A string comparison requires time $O(\text{string length})$.

Binary searching requires time $O(\text{max string length} \cdot \log k)$

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We will only focus on the static case

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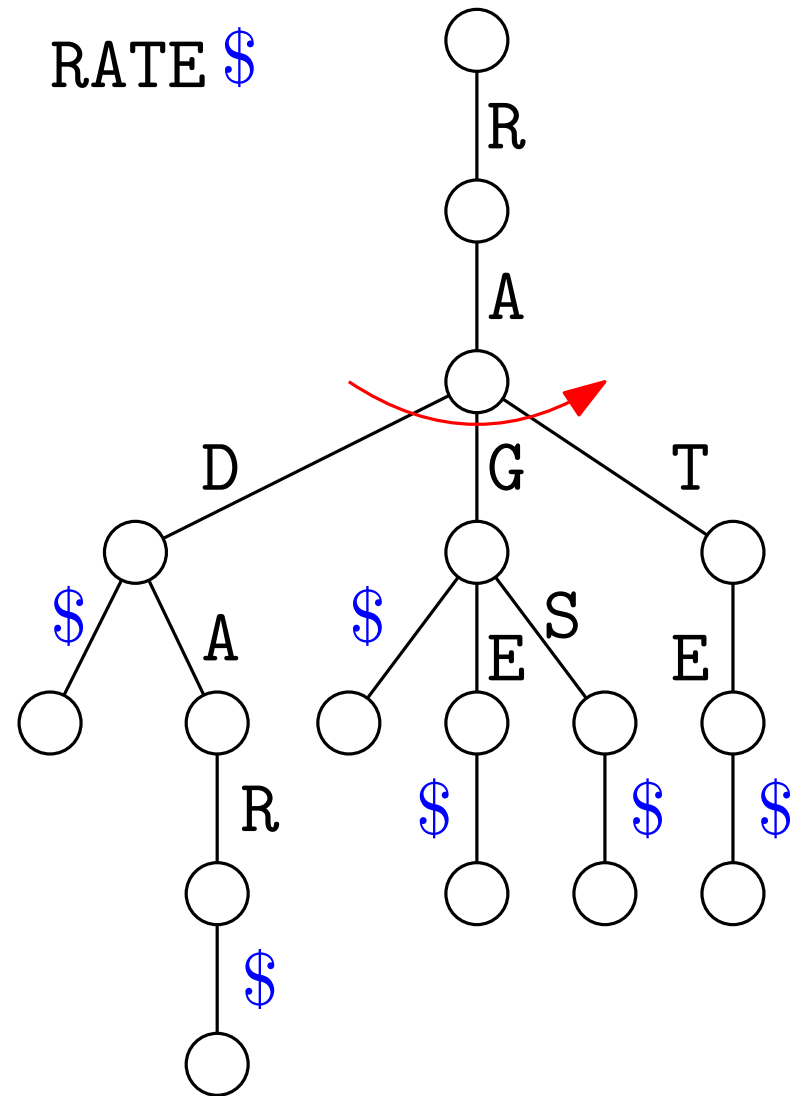
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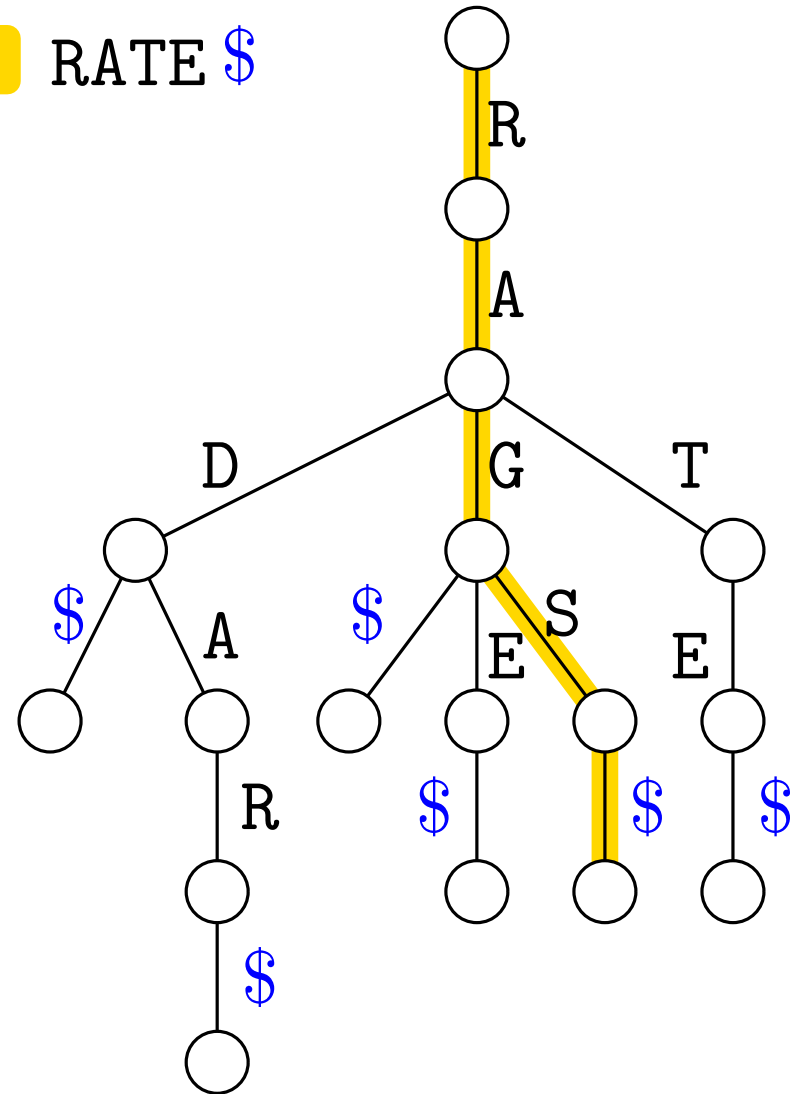
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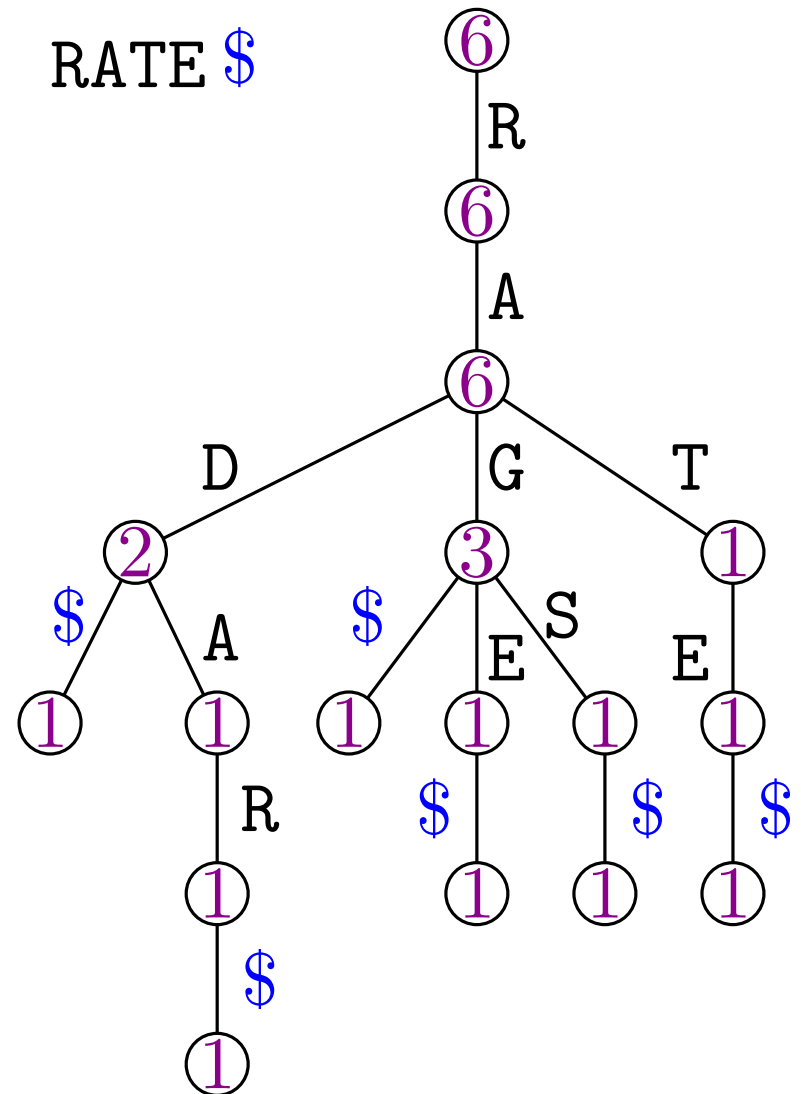
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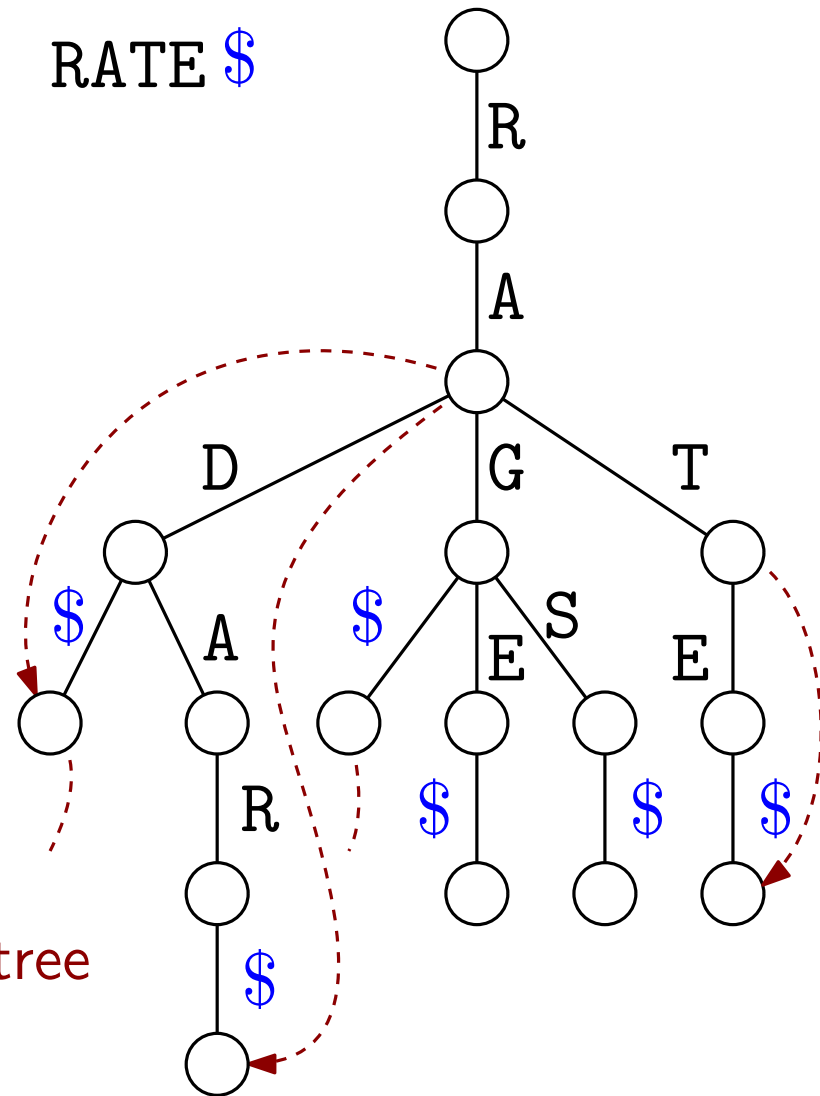
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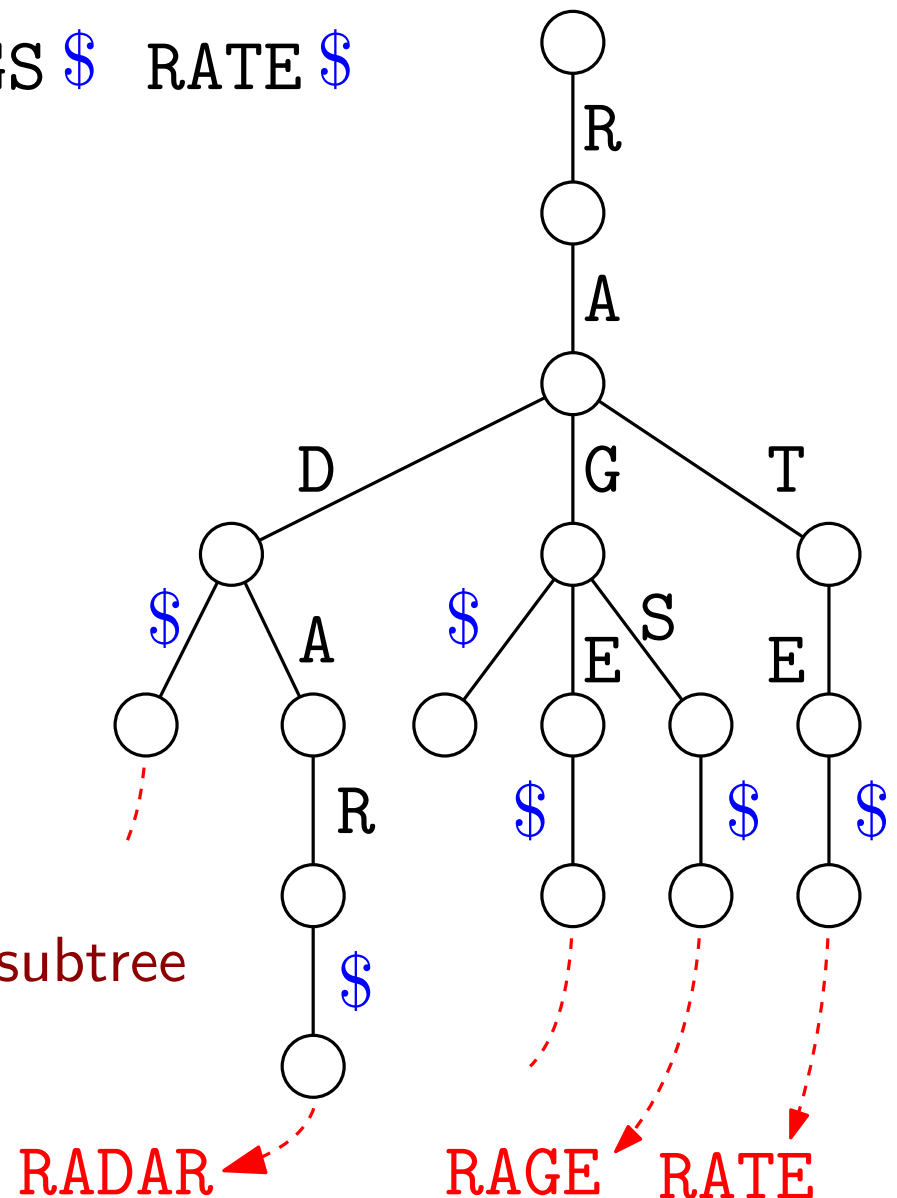
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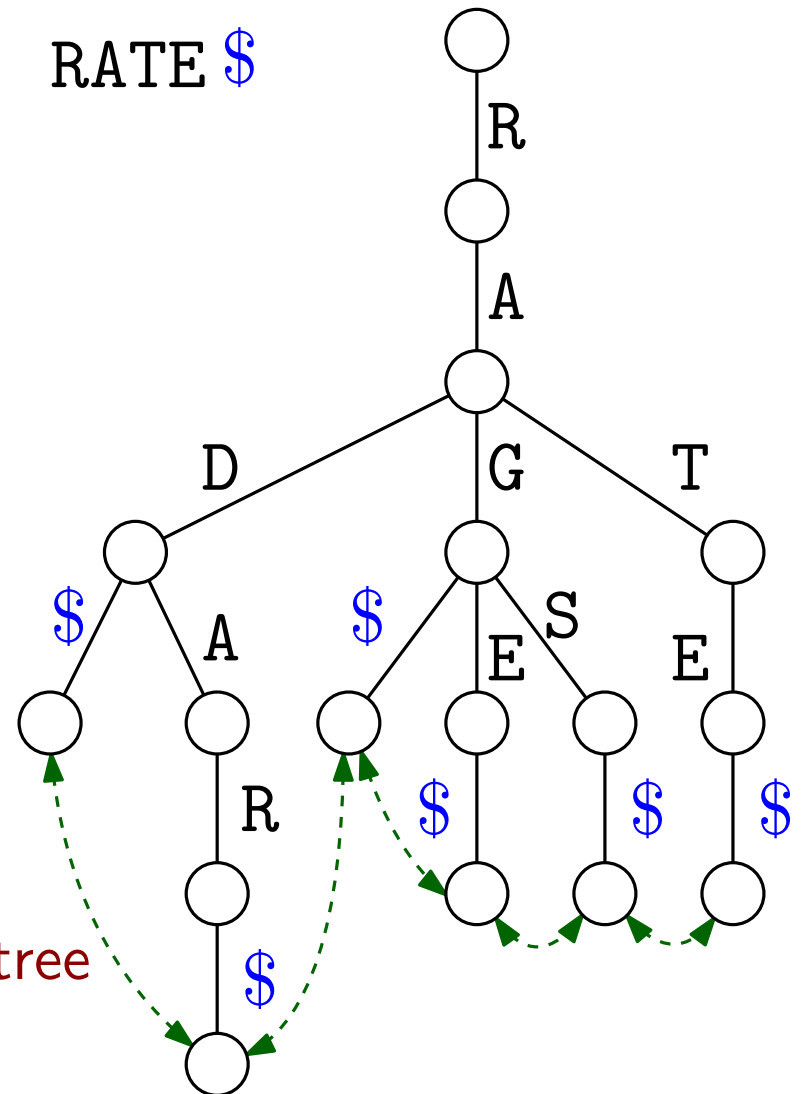
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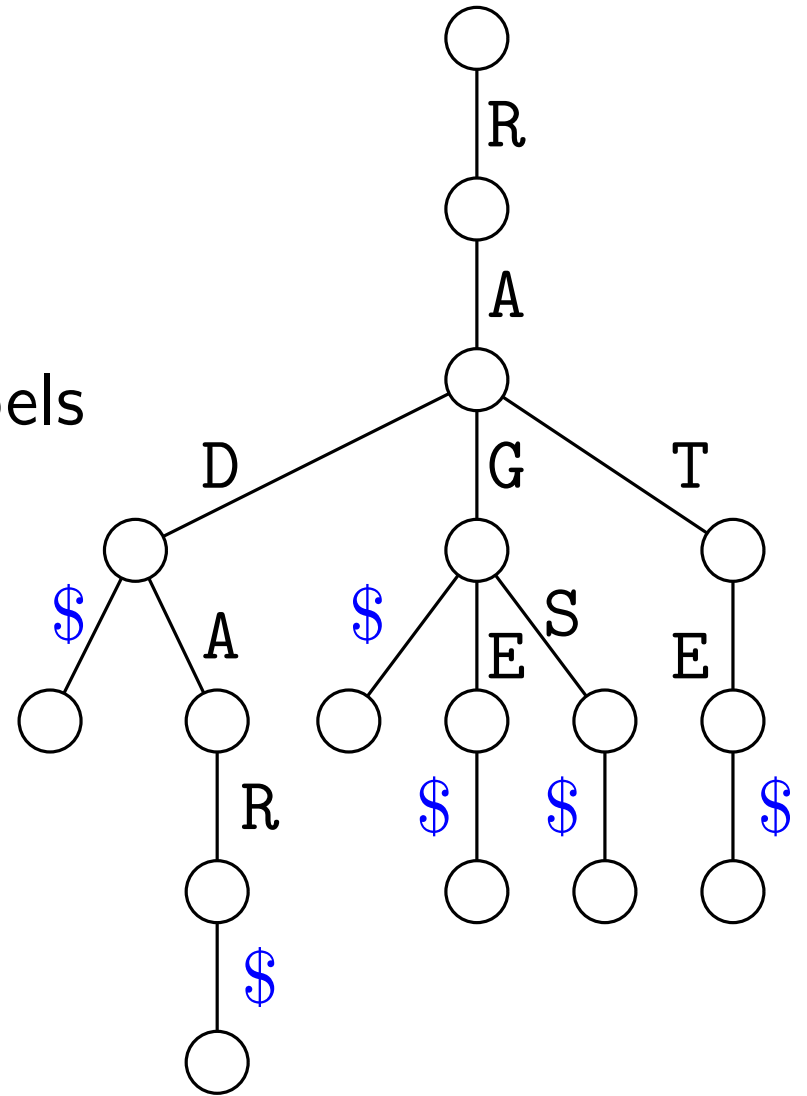
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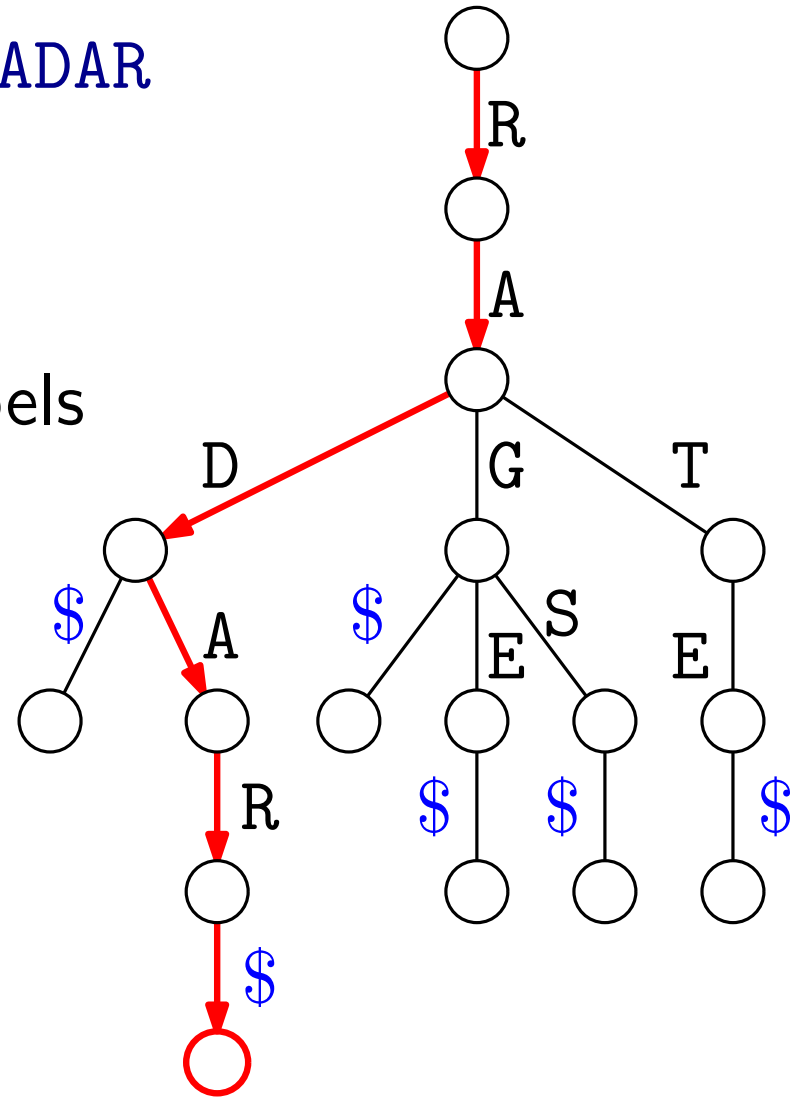


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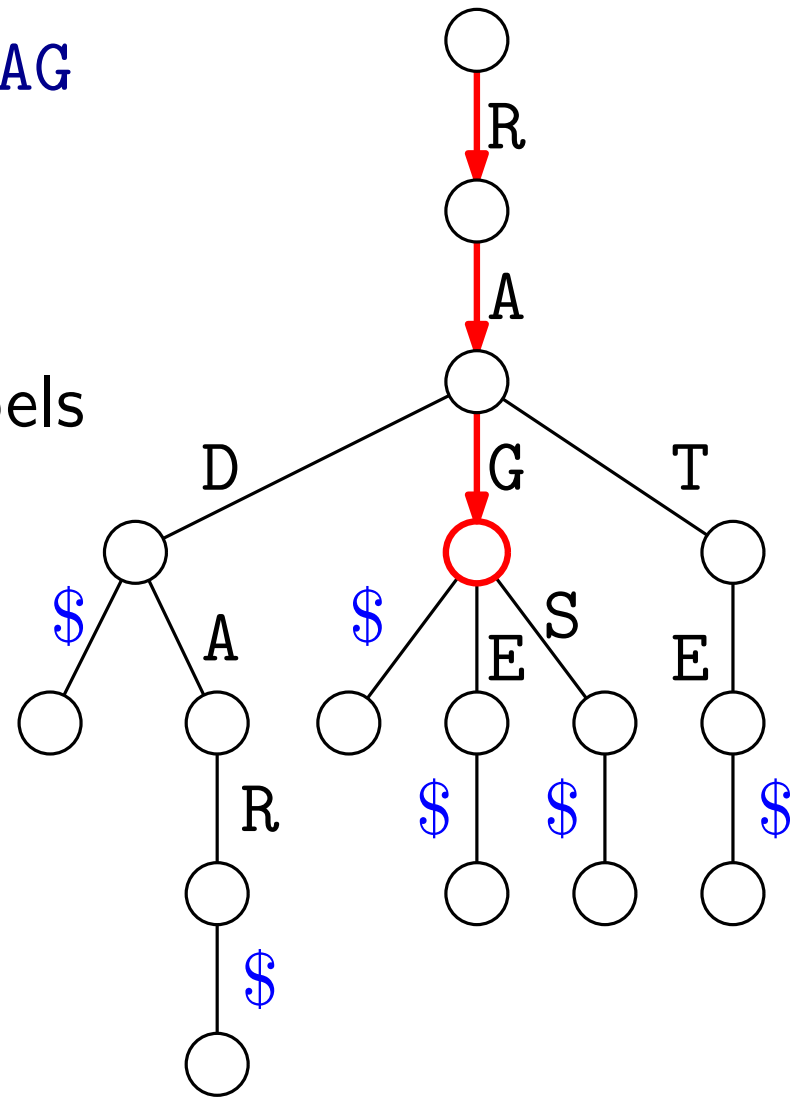
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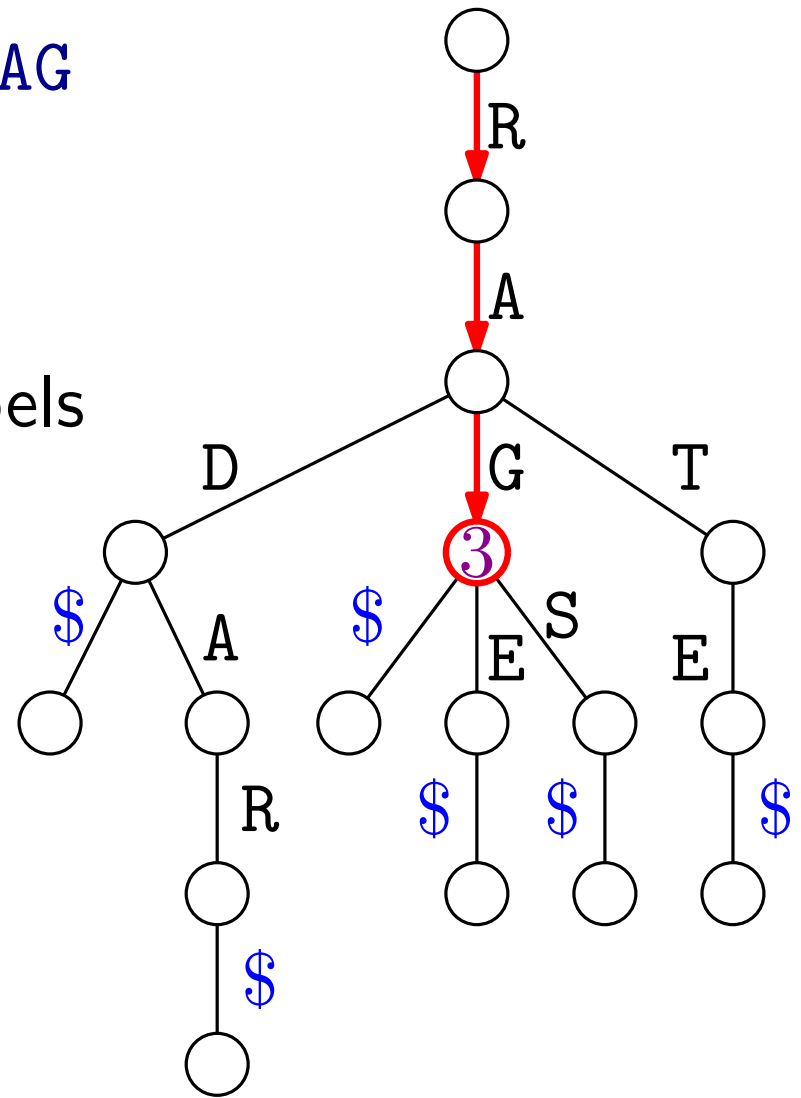
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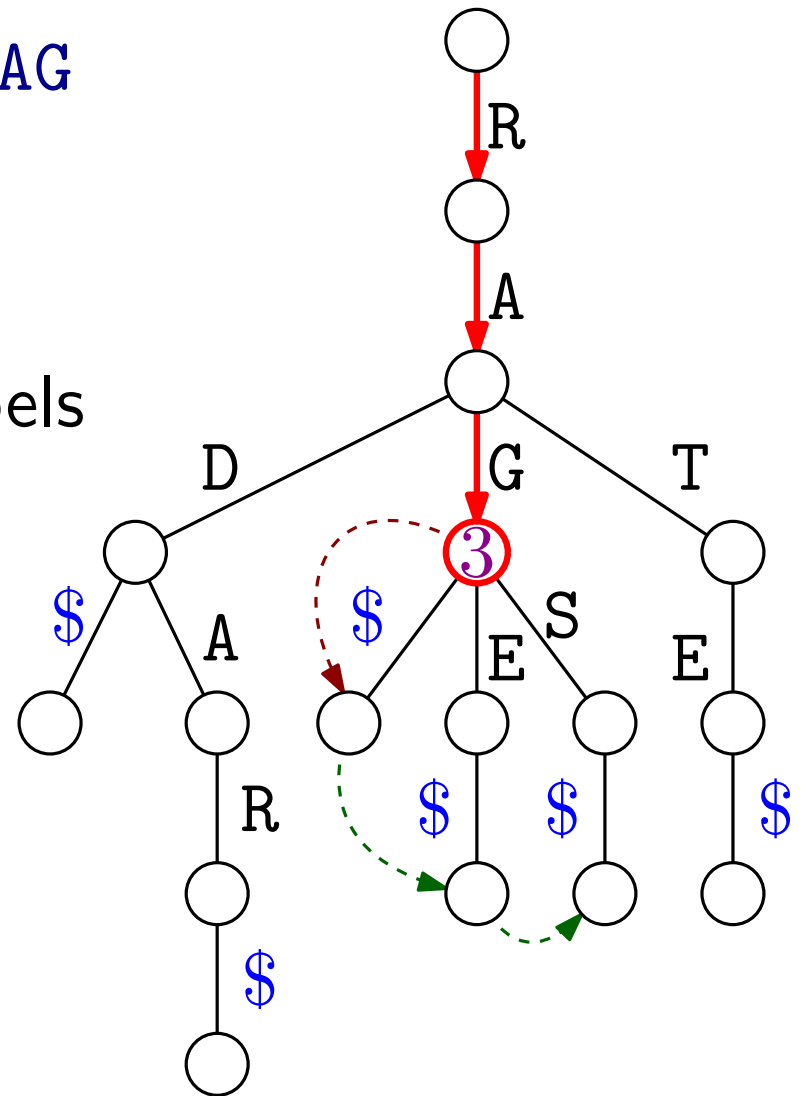
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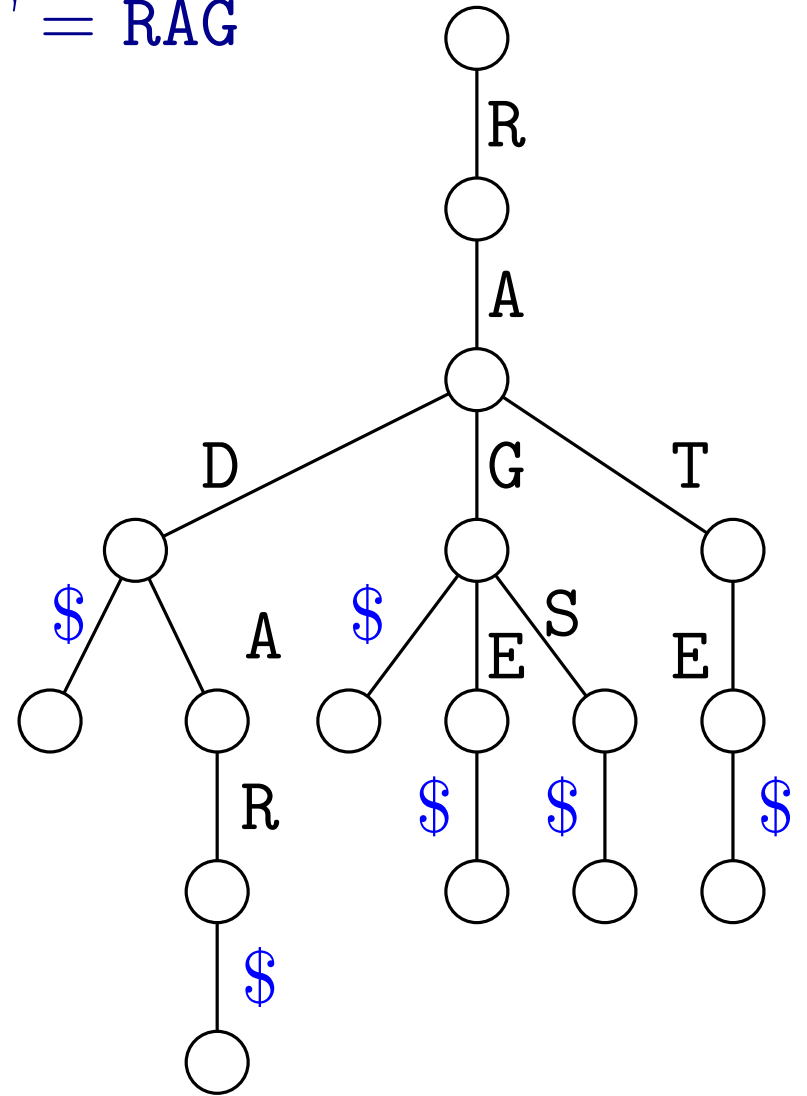


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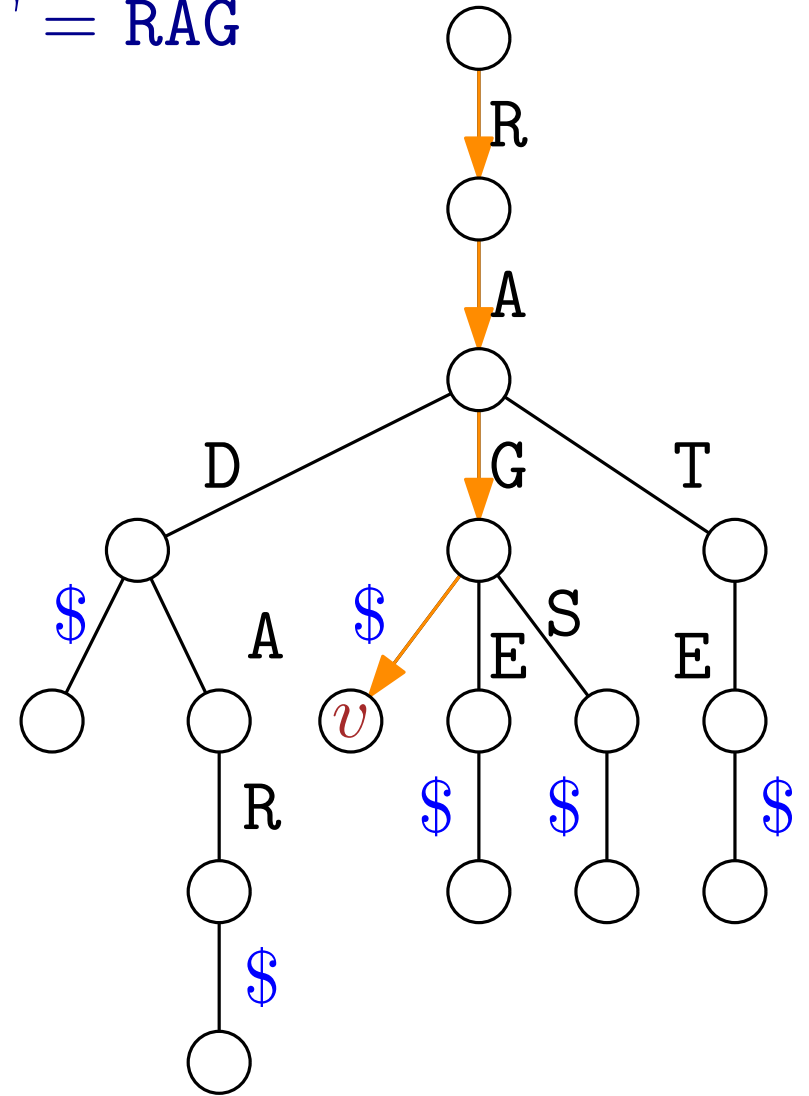


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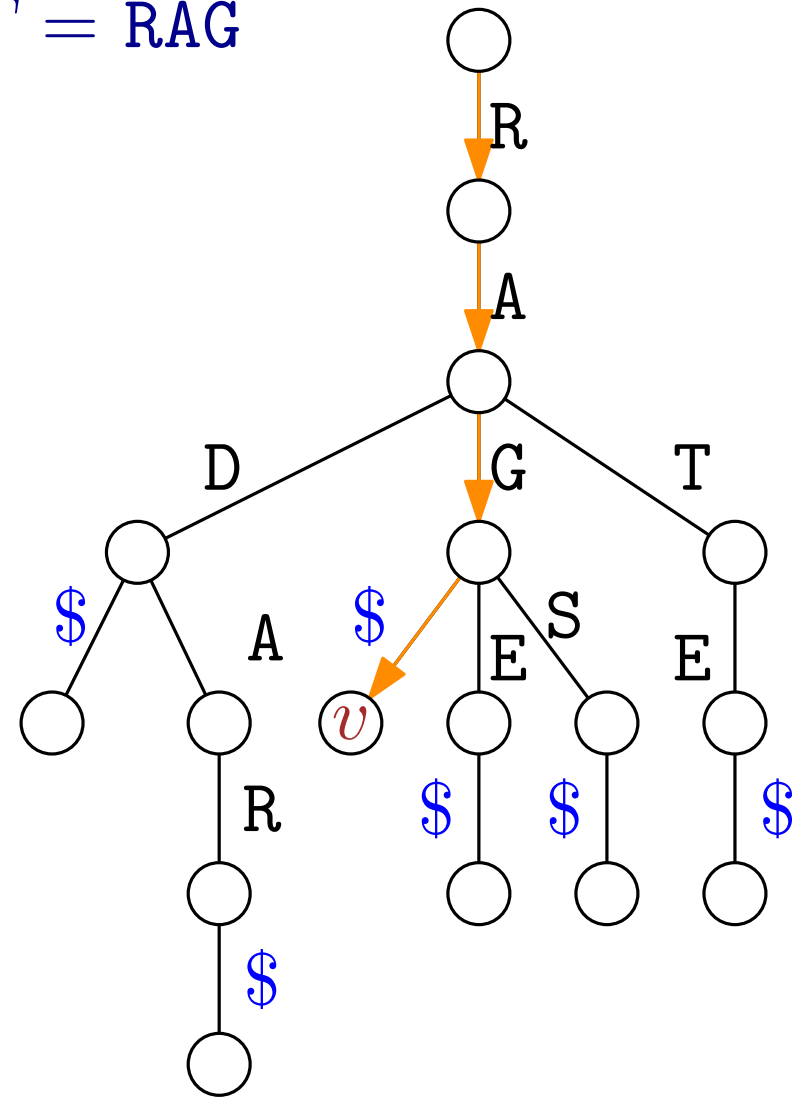


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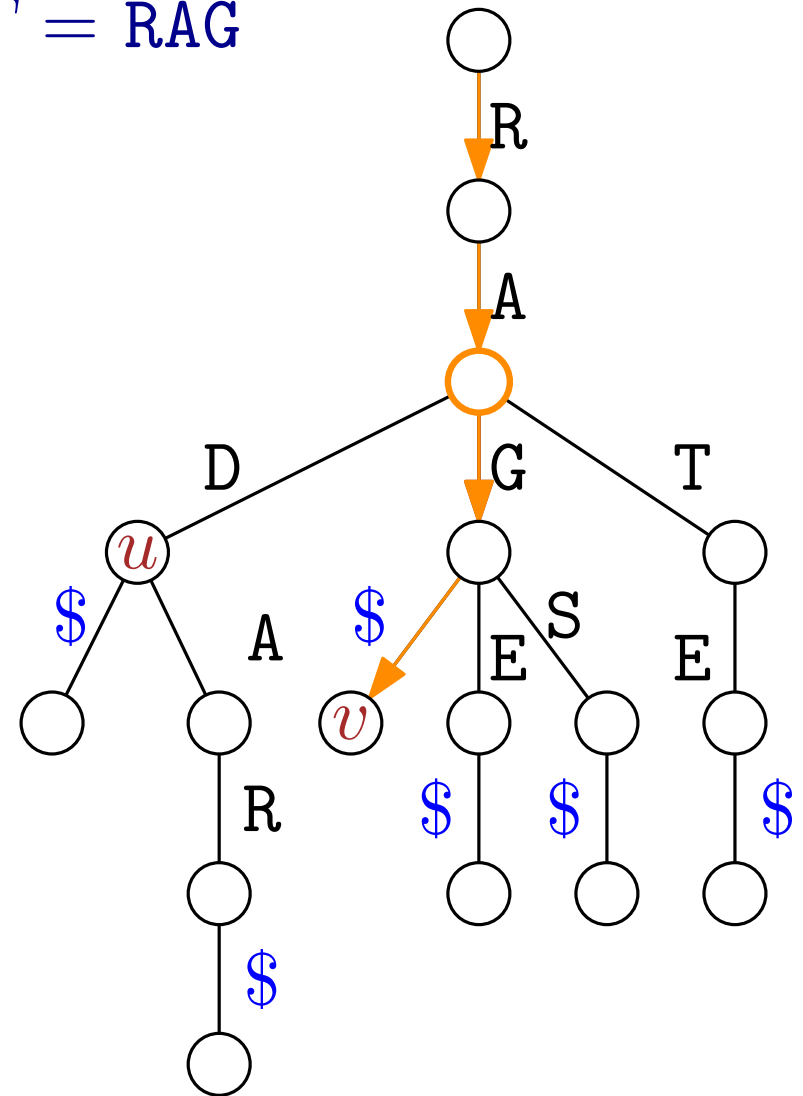
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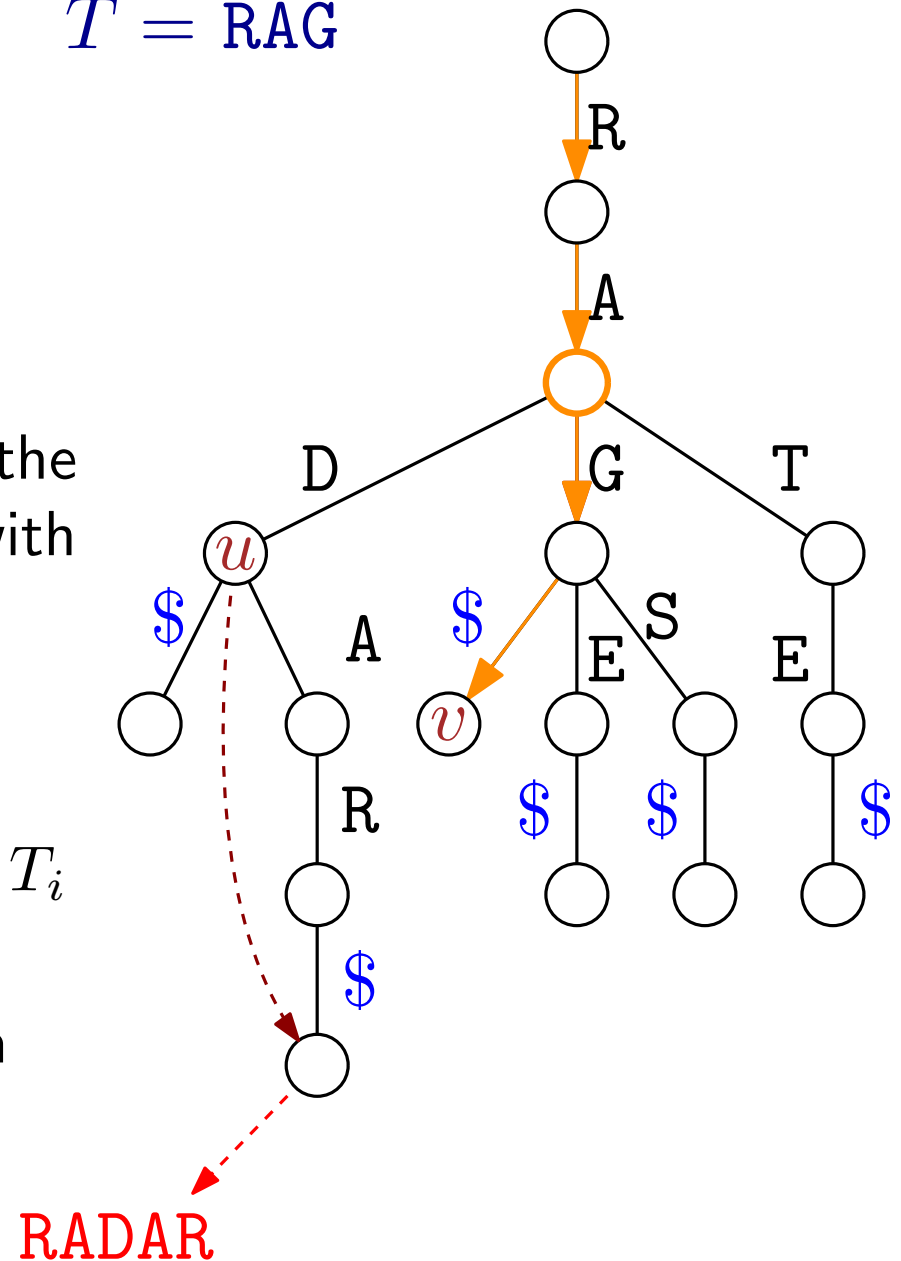
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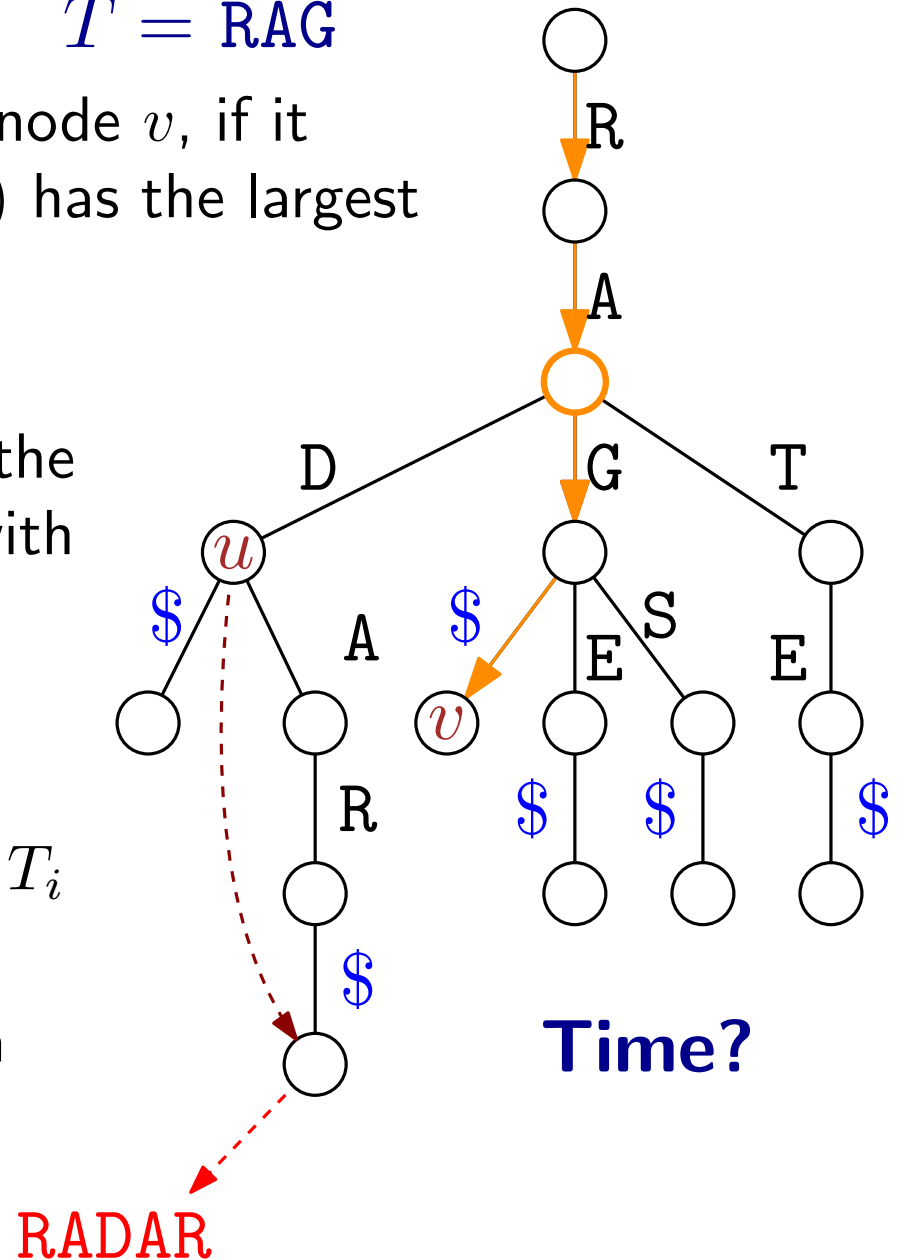
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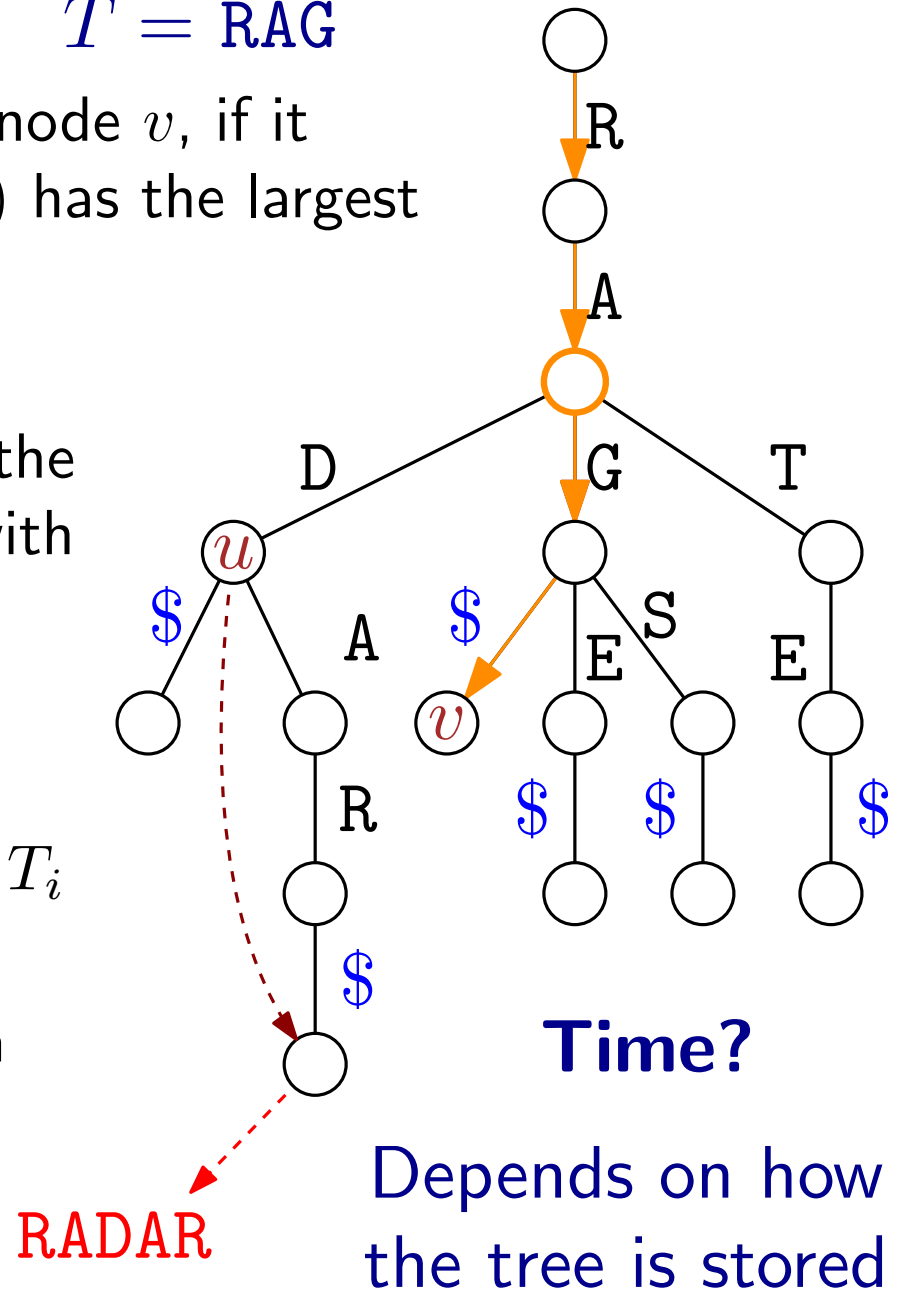
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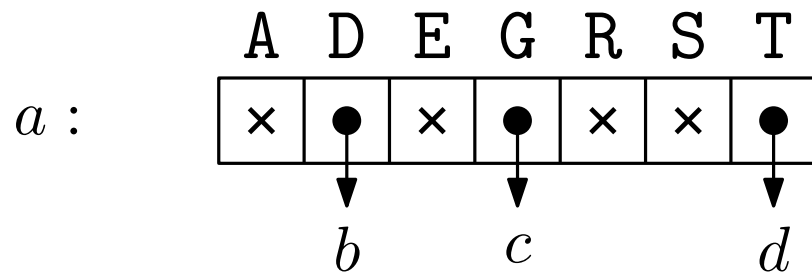
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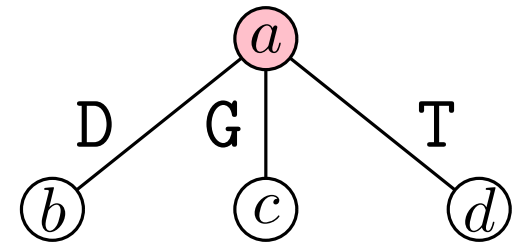
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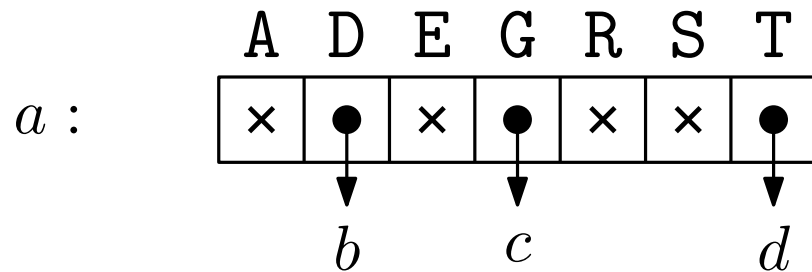
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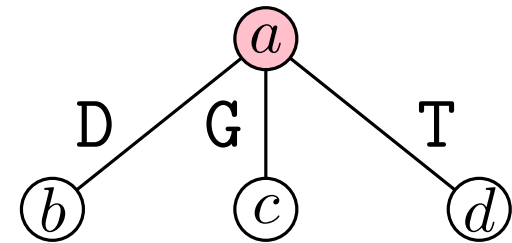


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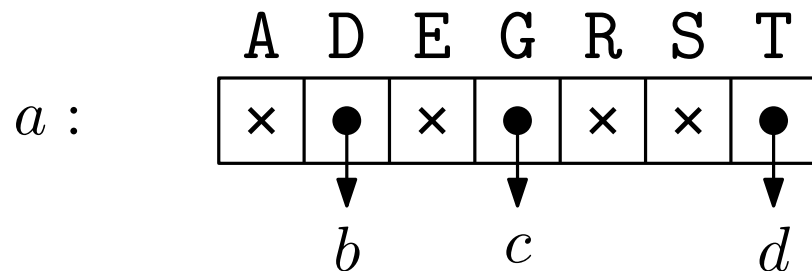
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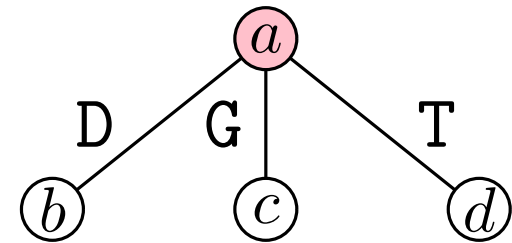
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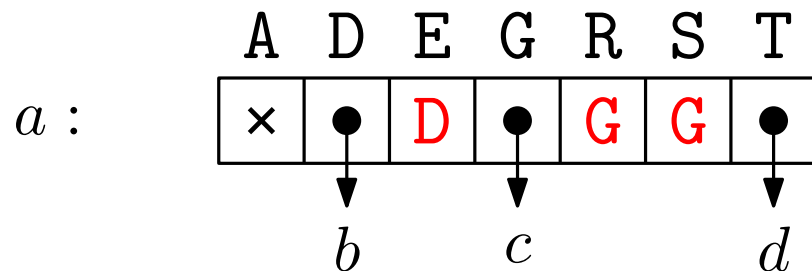
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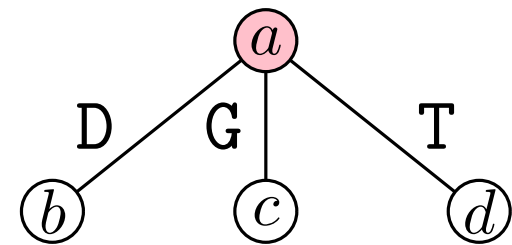
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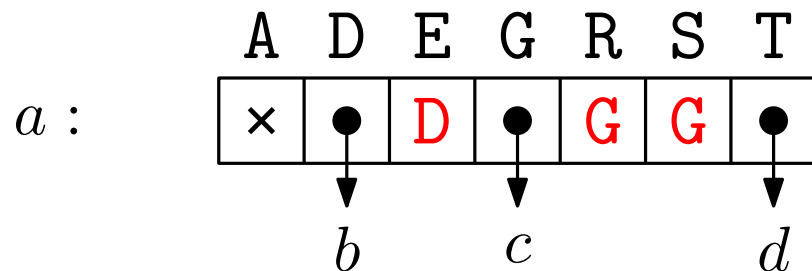
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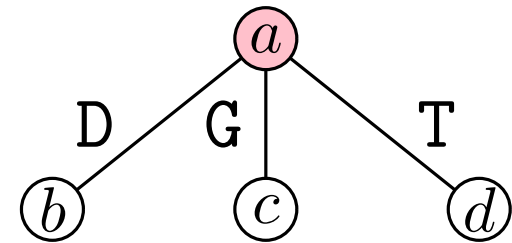
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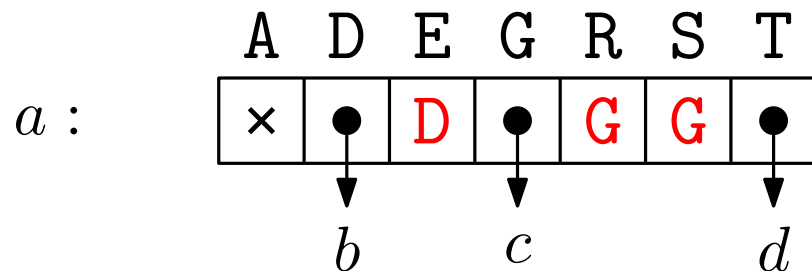
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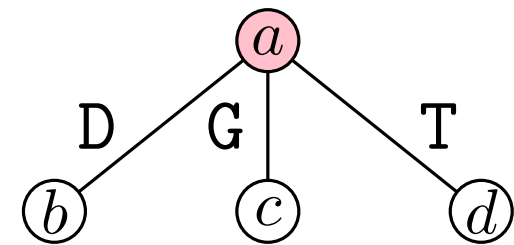
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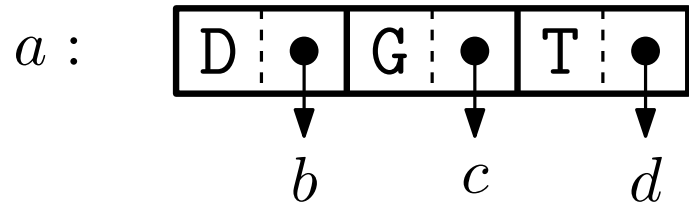
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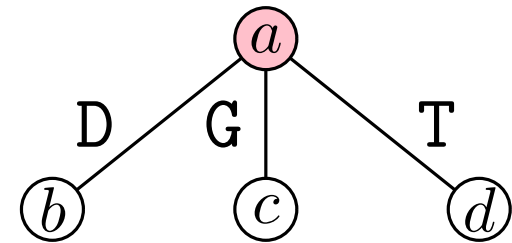
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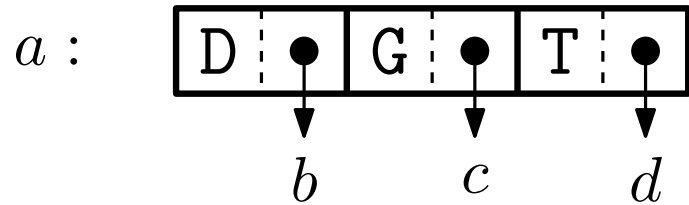
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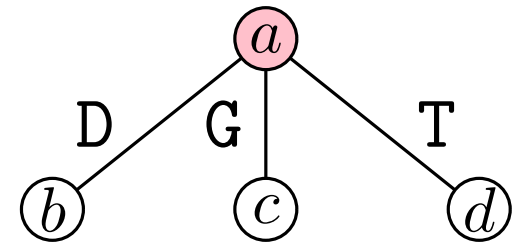
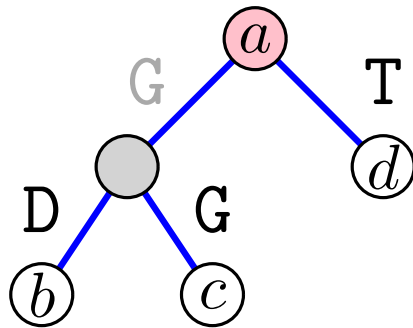
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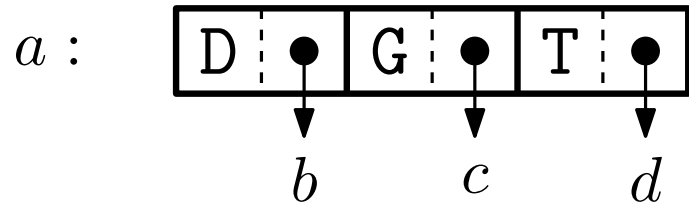
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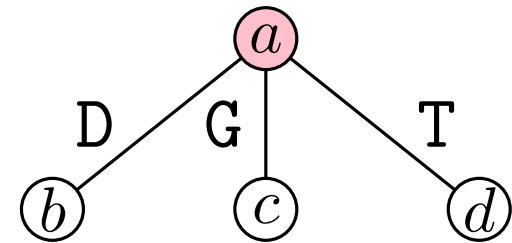
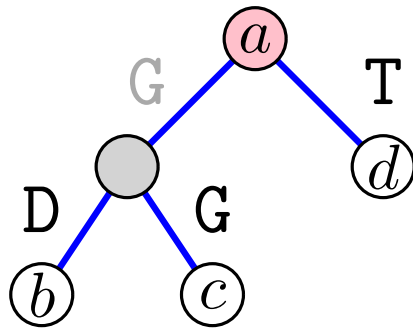
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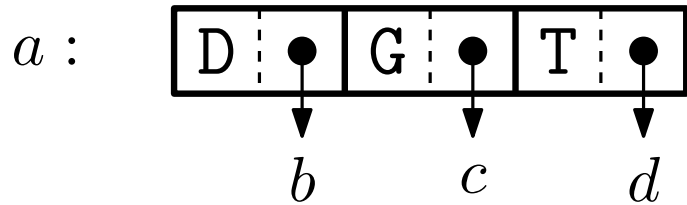
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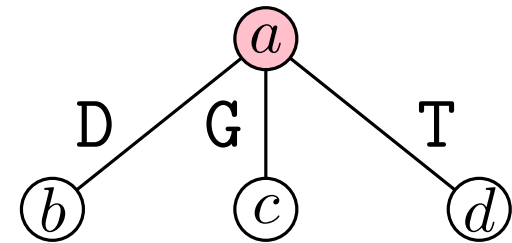
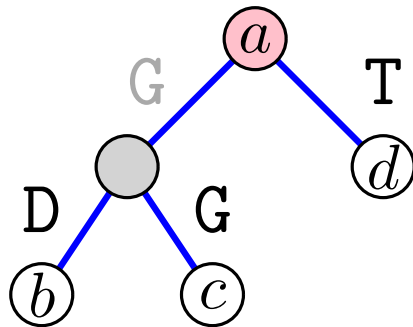
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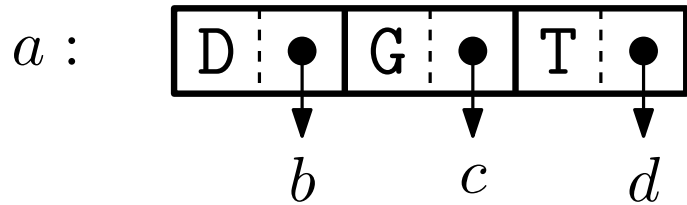


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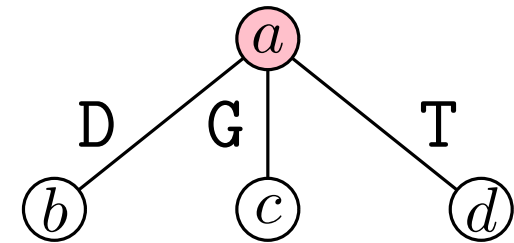
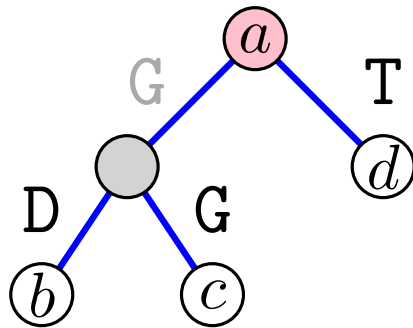
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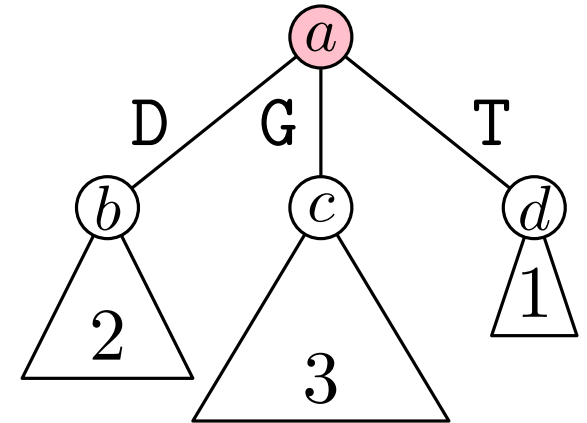
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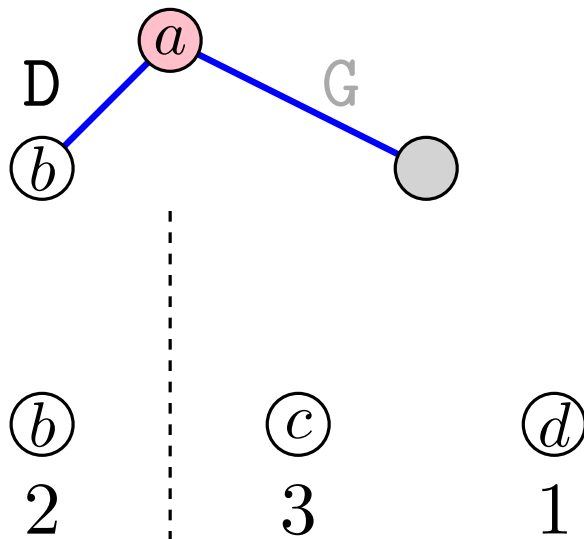
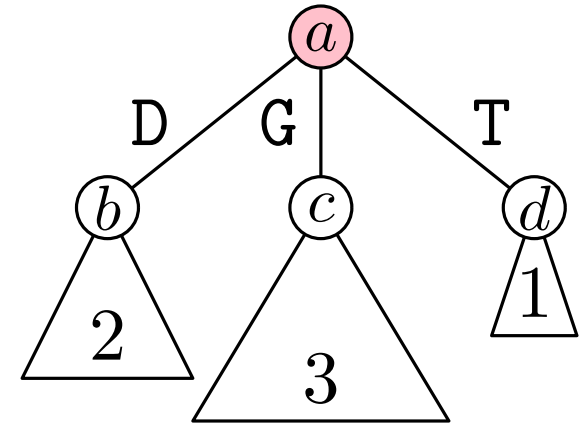
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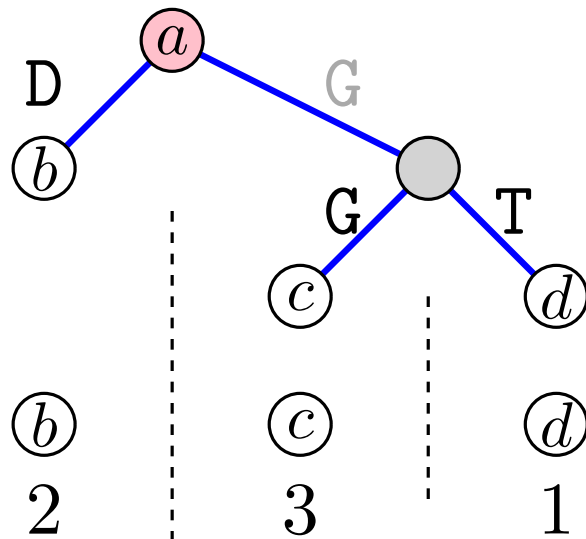
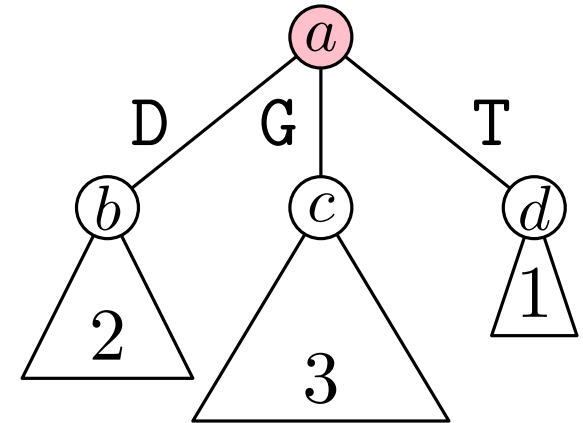
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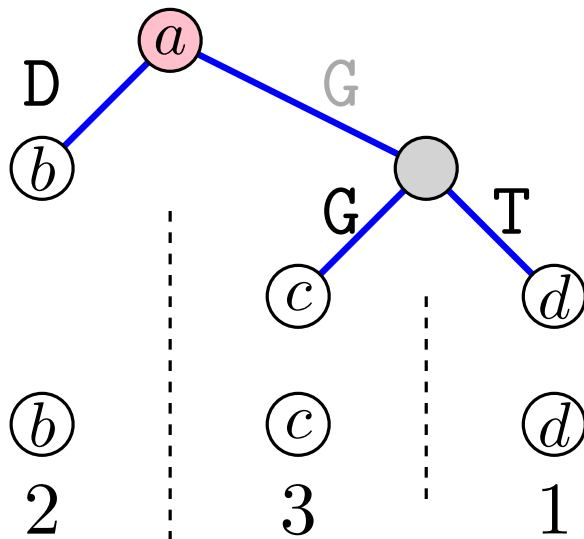
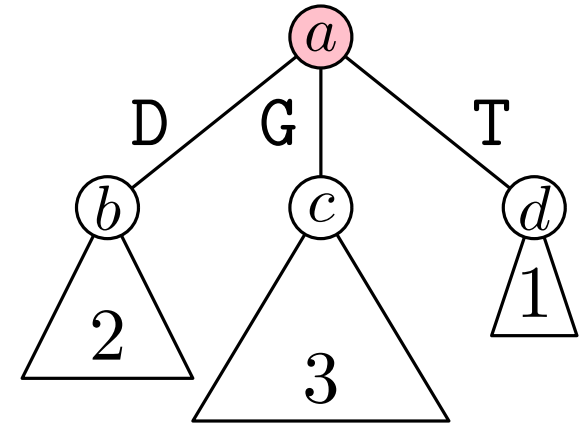
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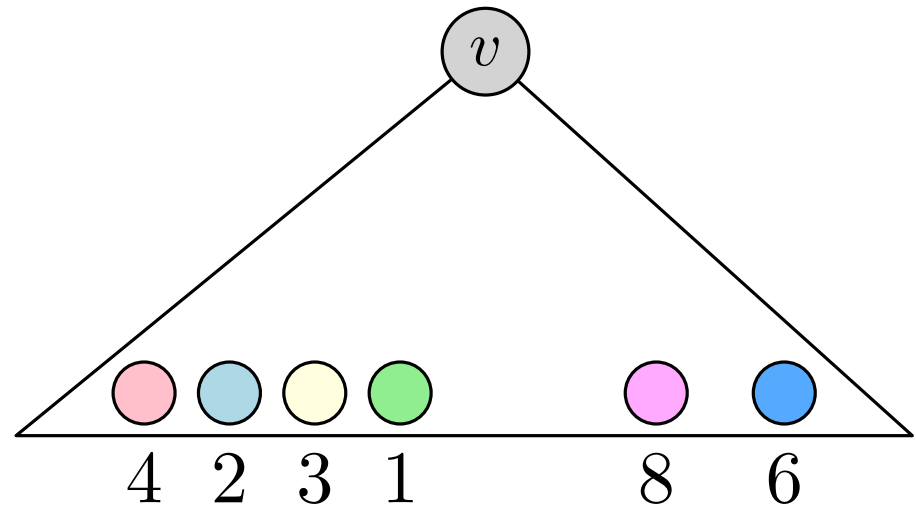
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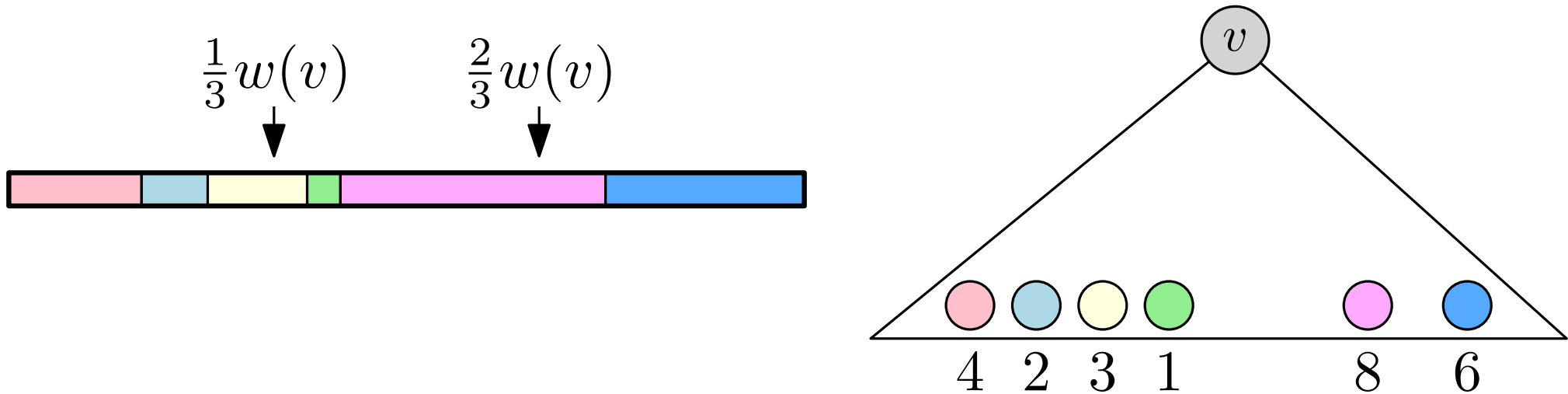
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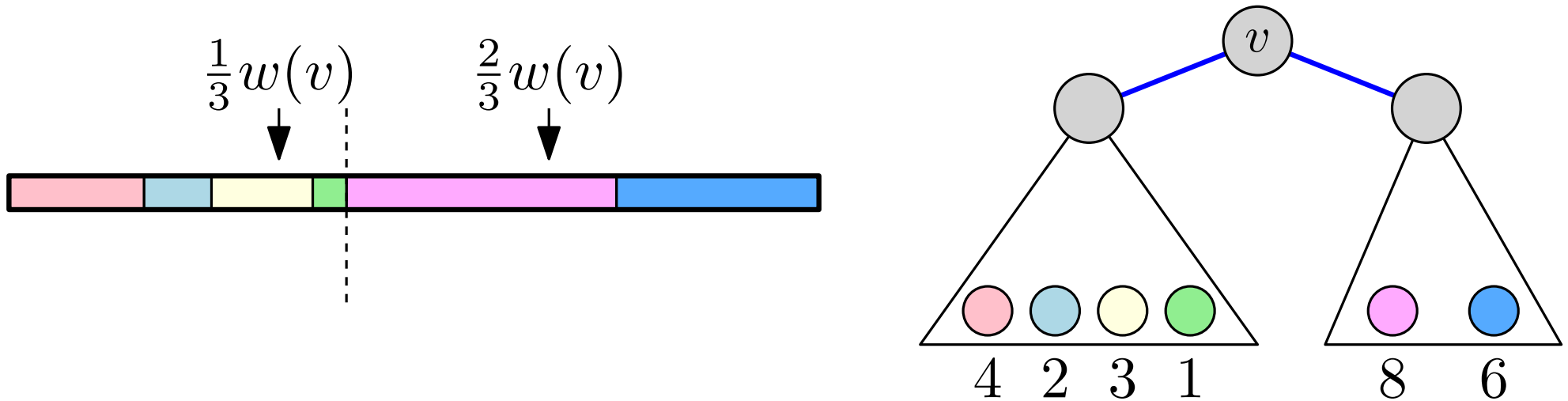
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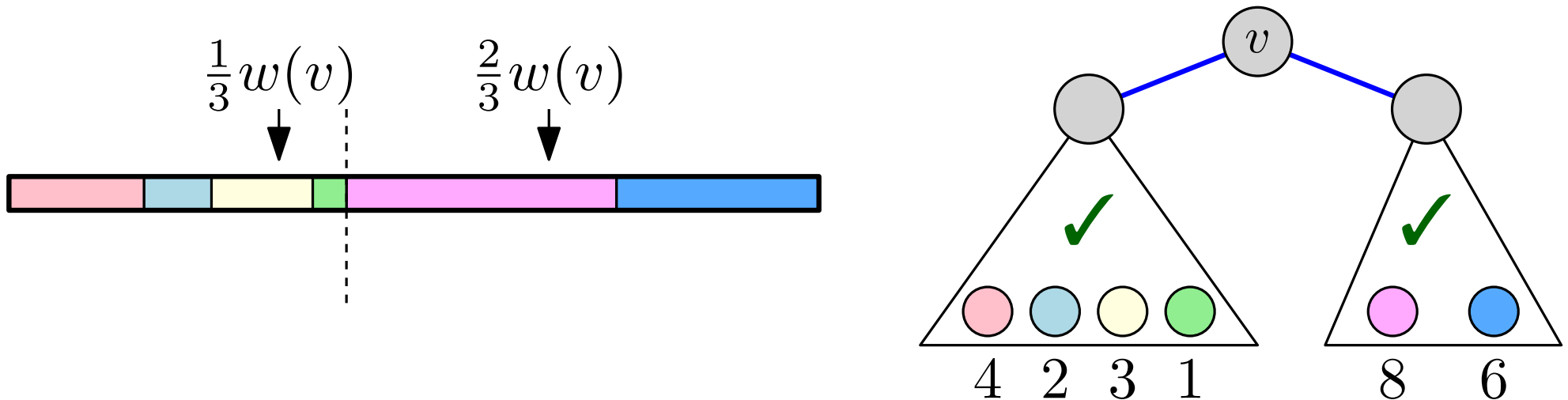
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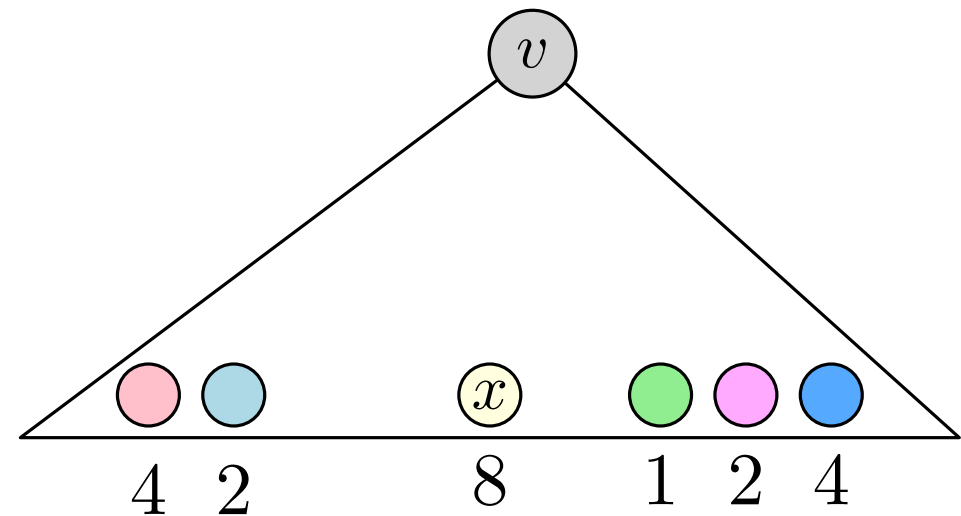
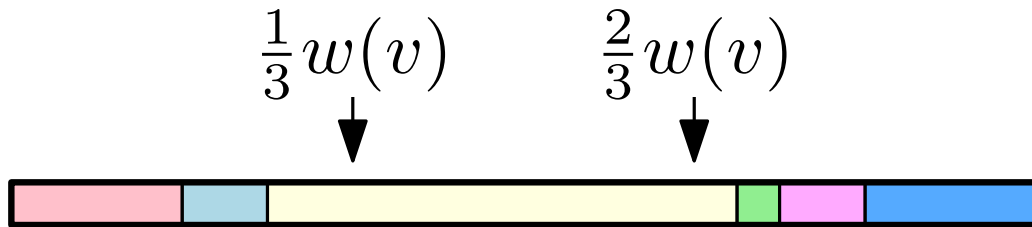
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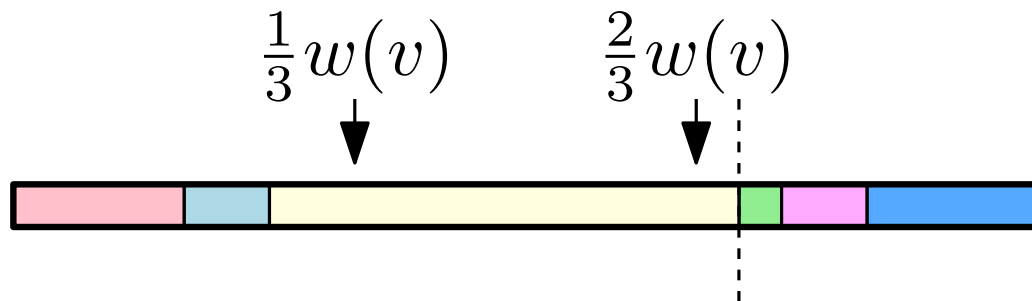


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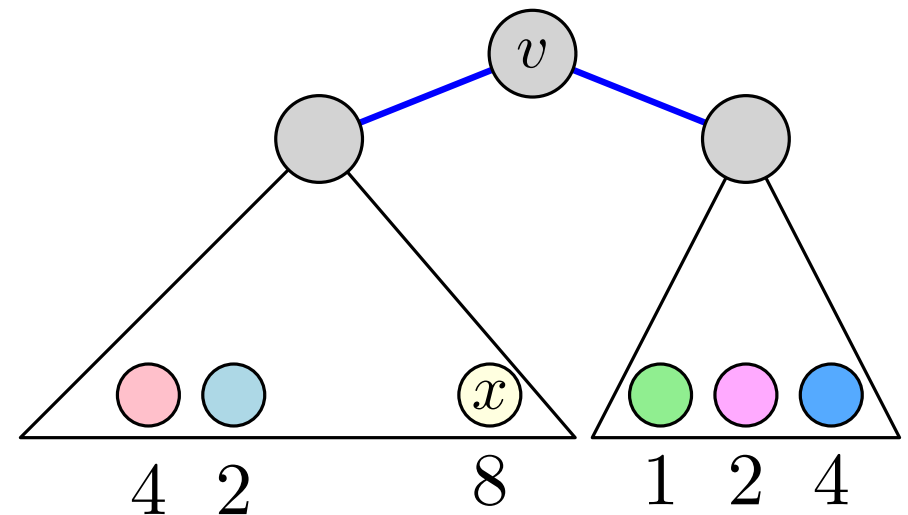
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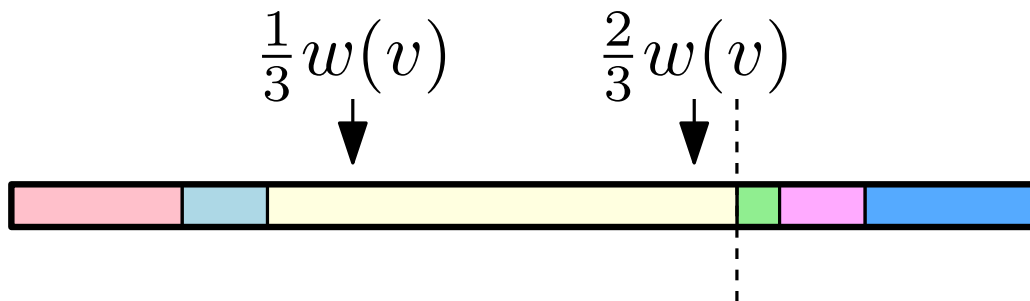


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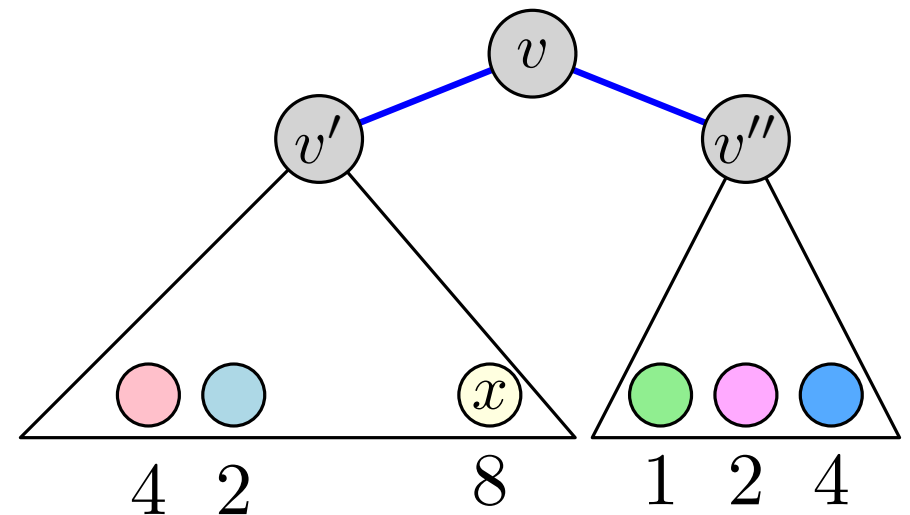
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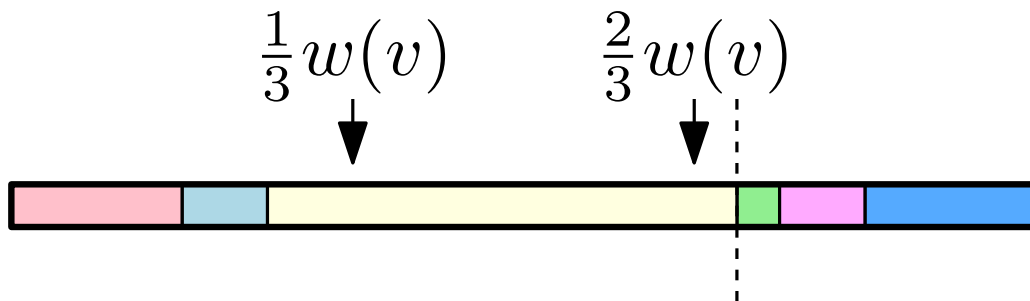


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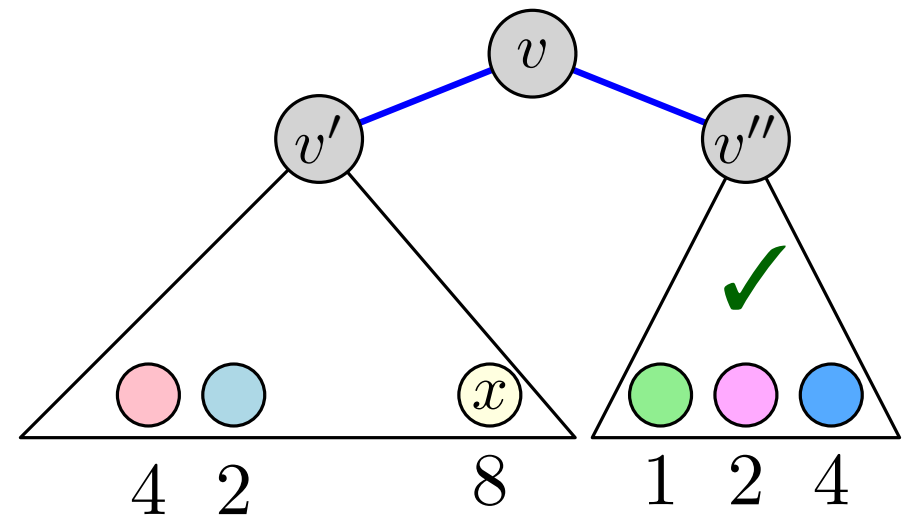
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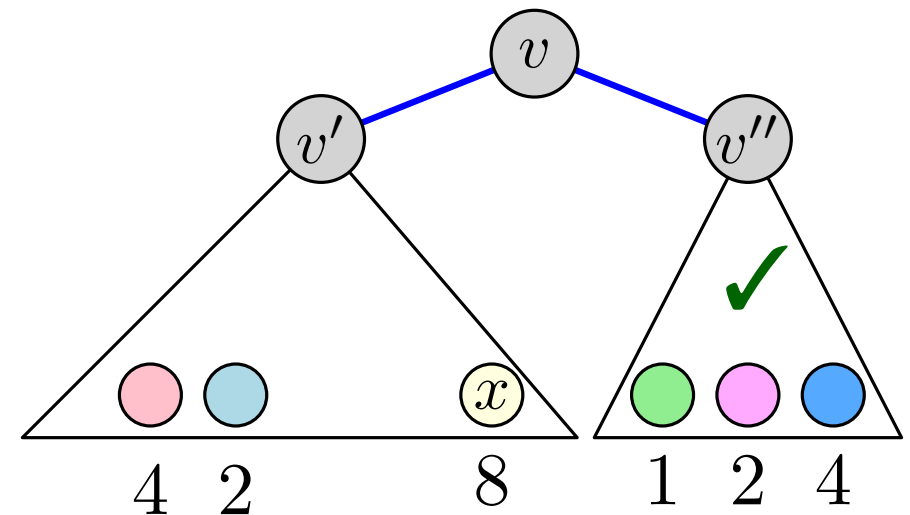
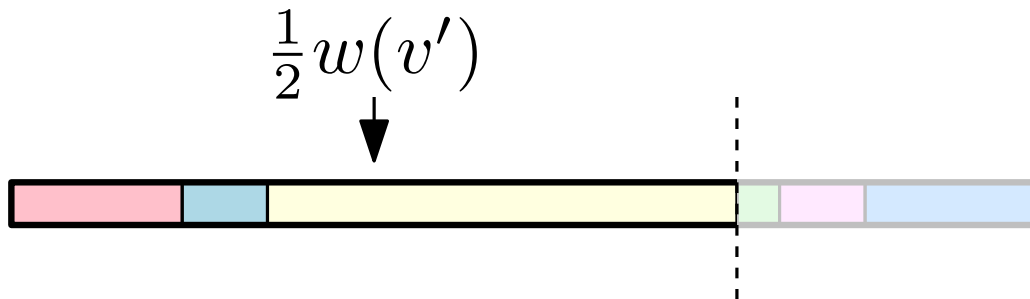


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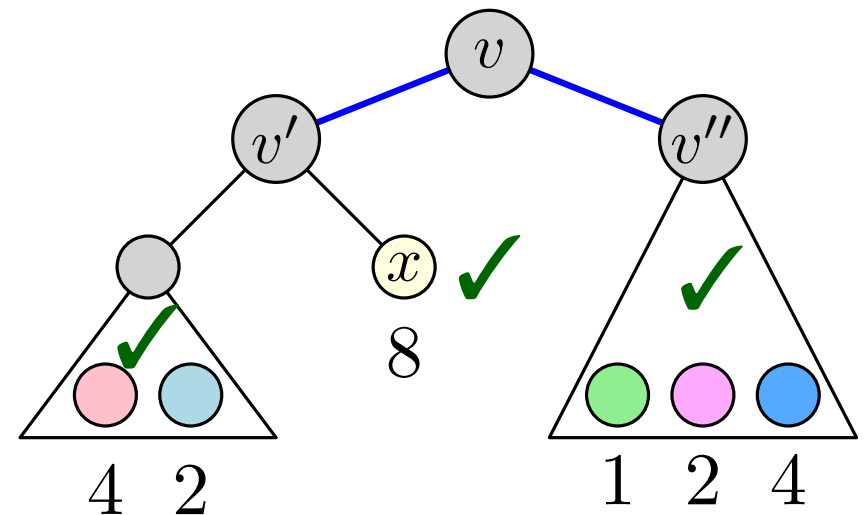
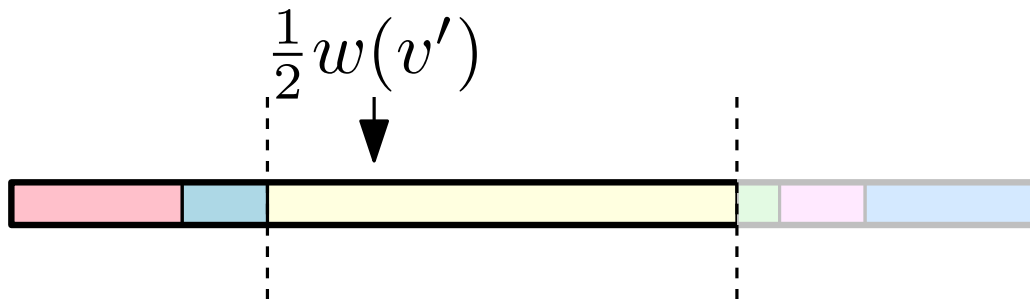


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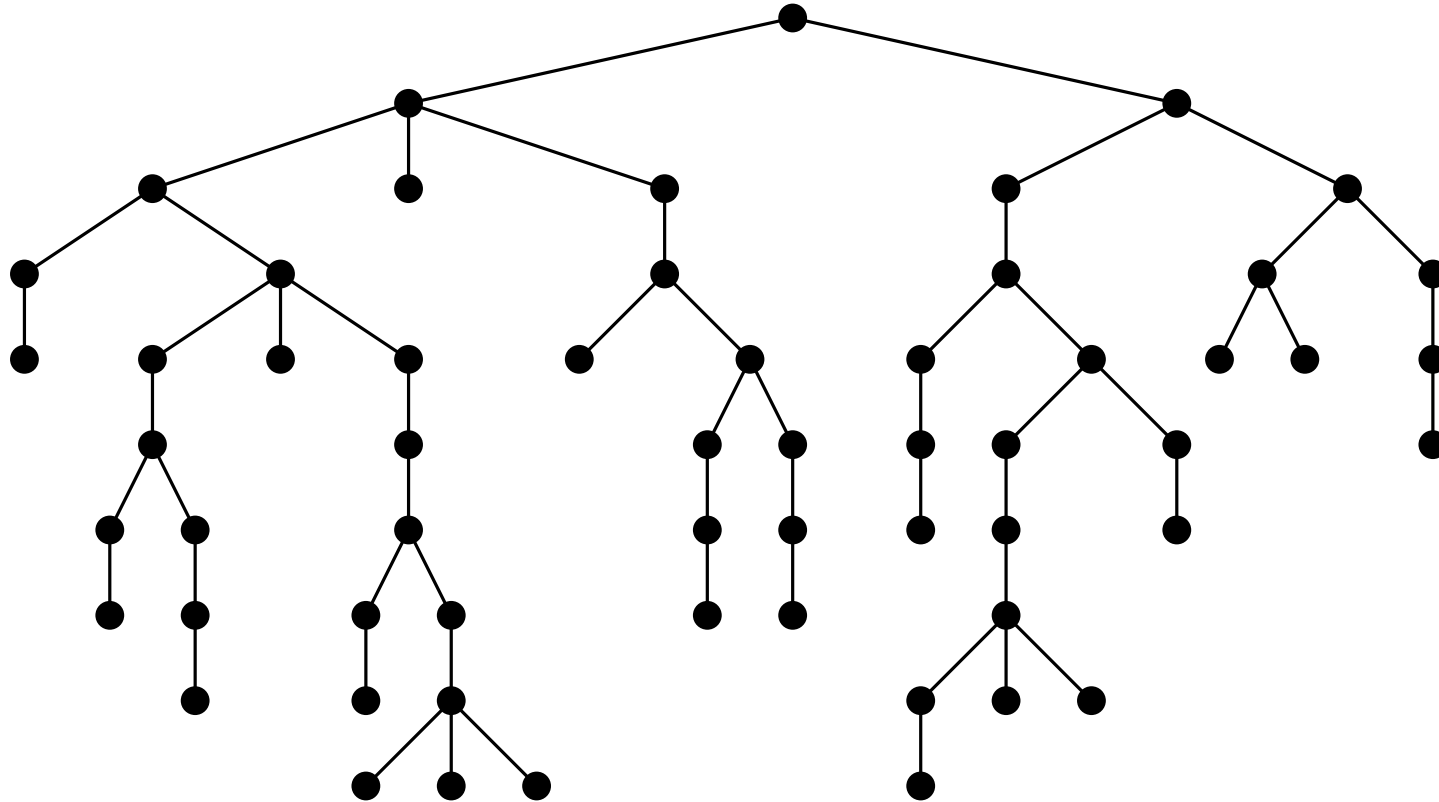
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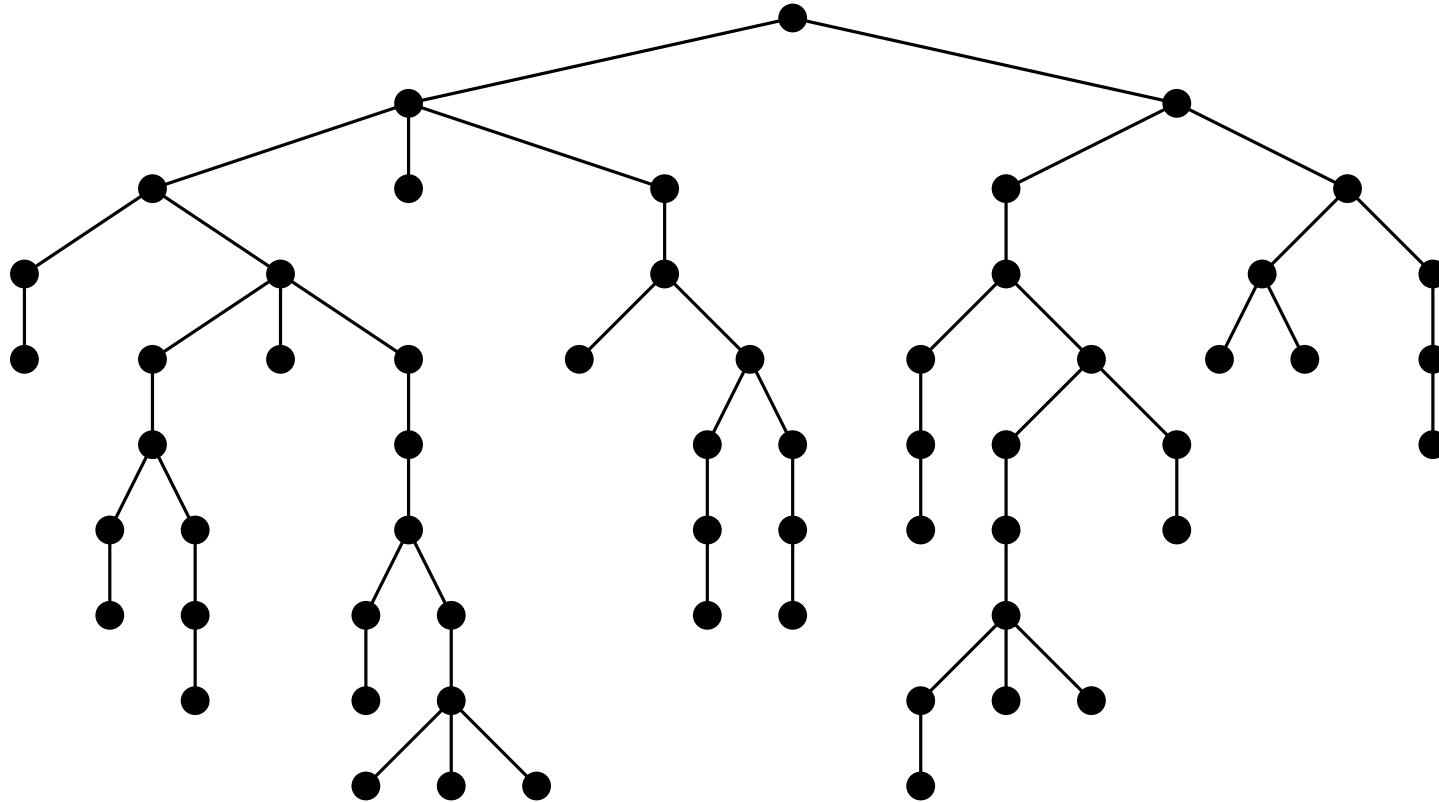
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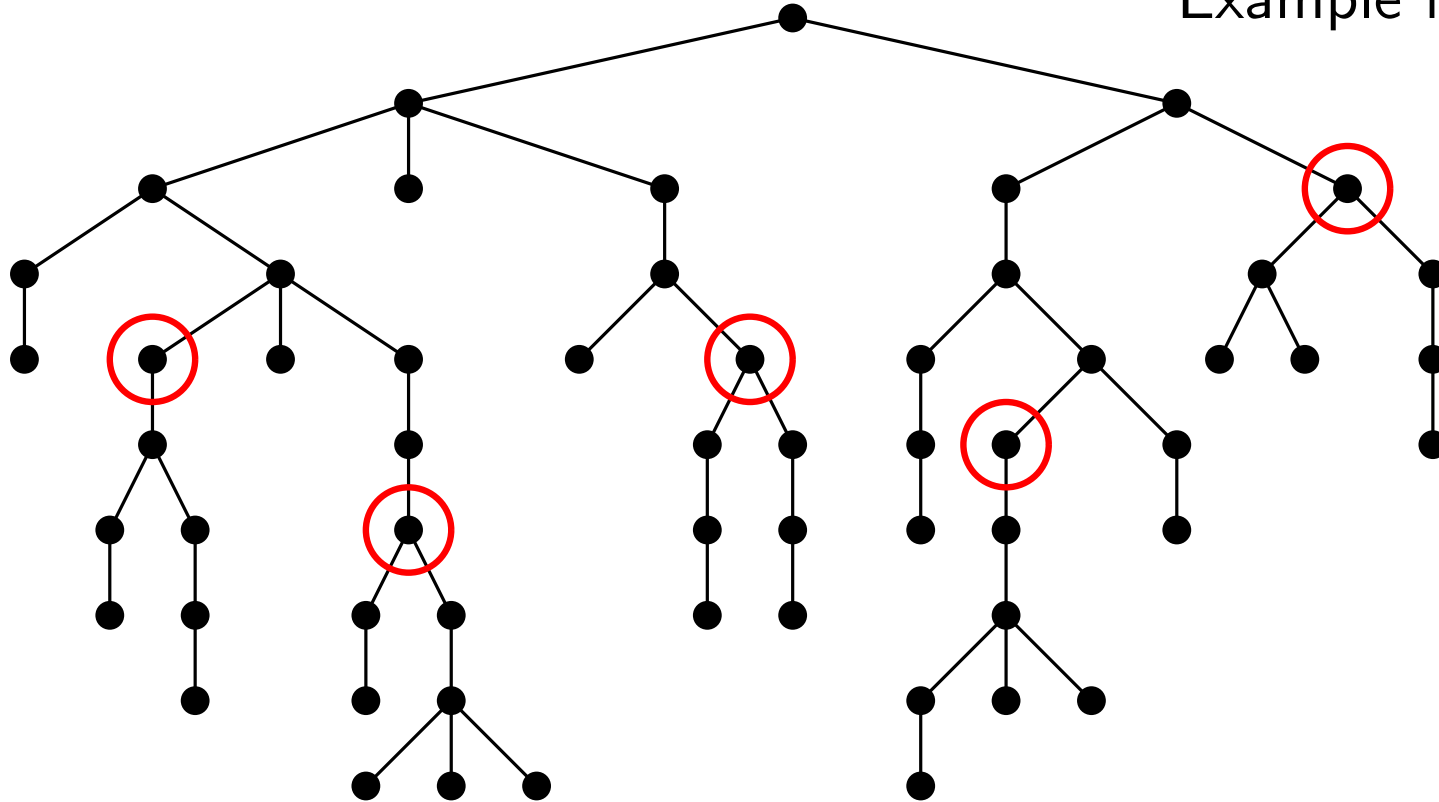


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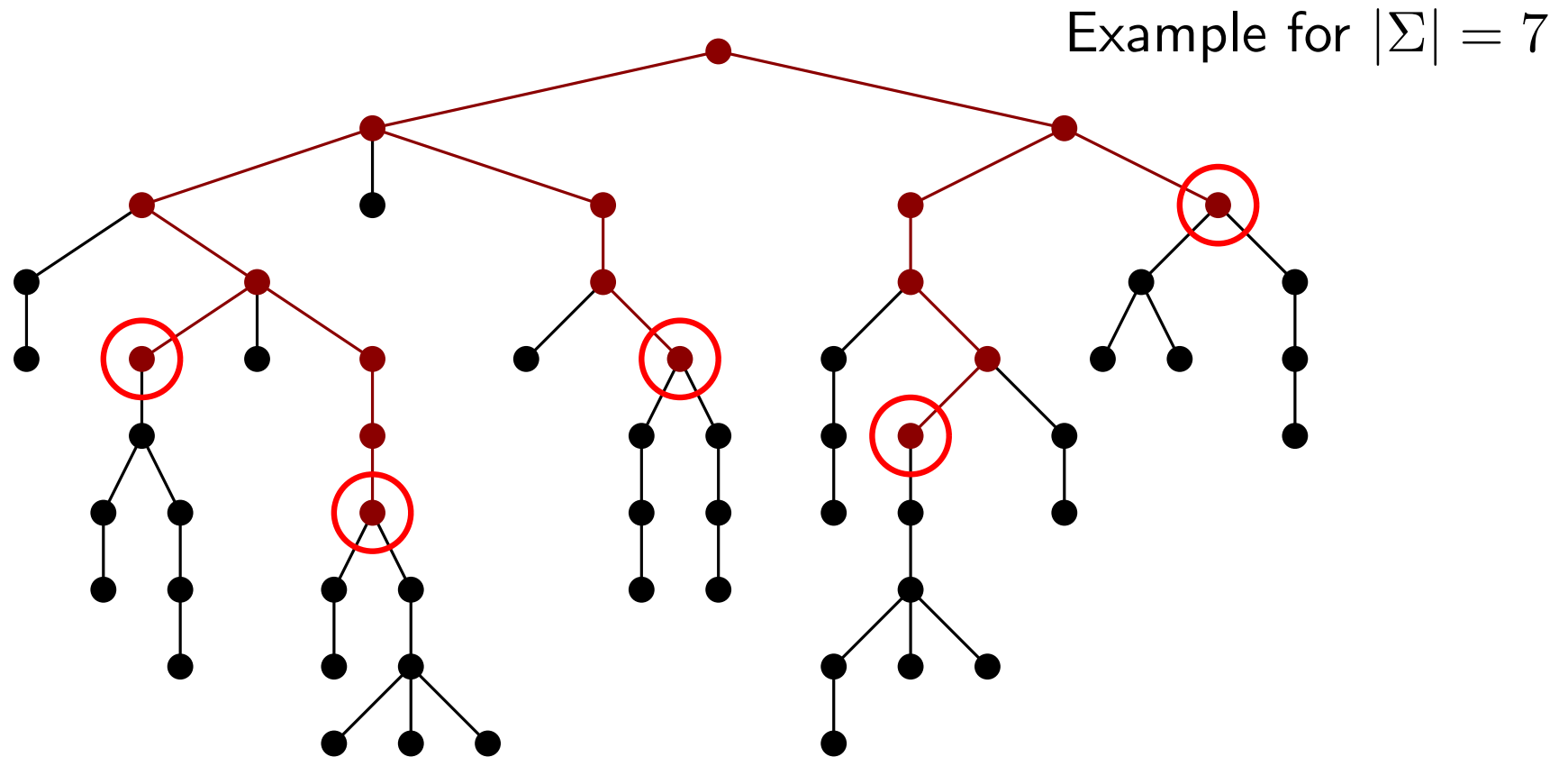
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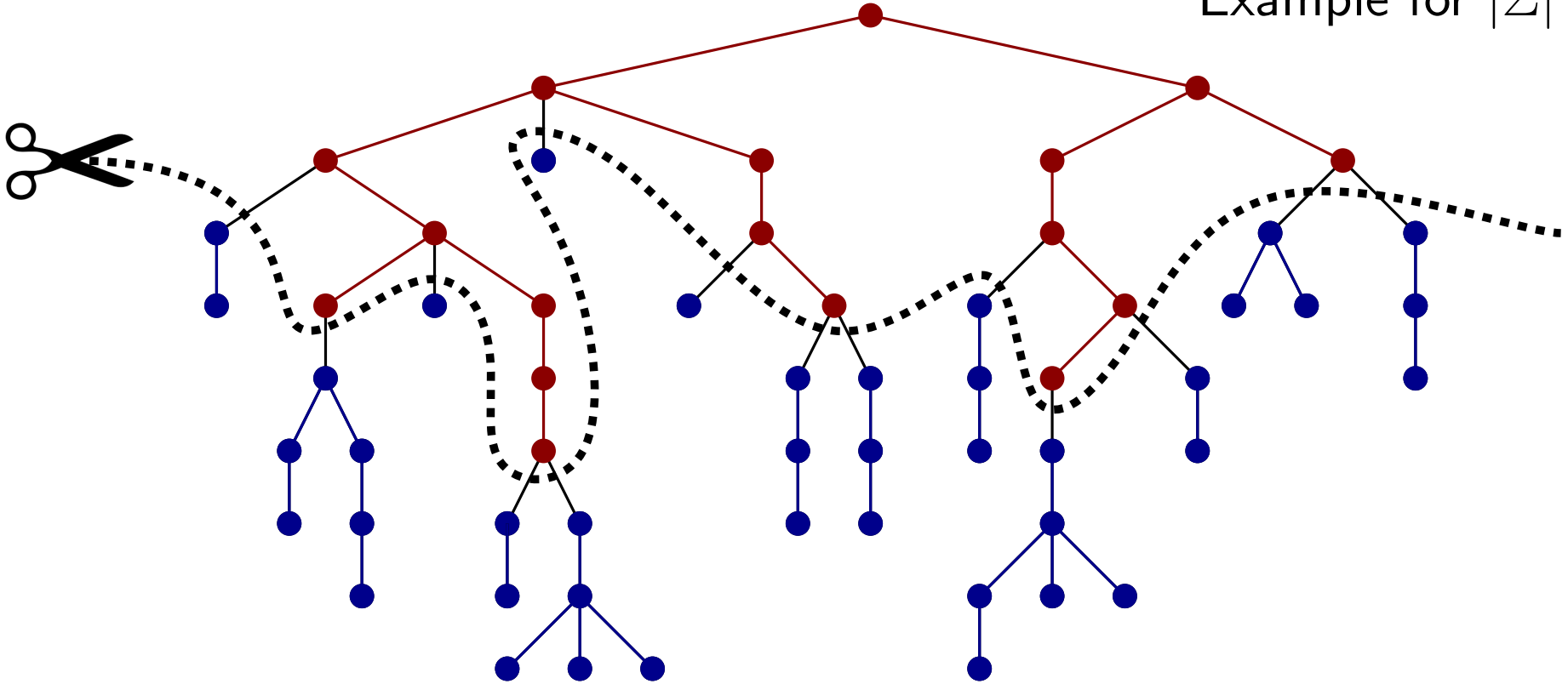
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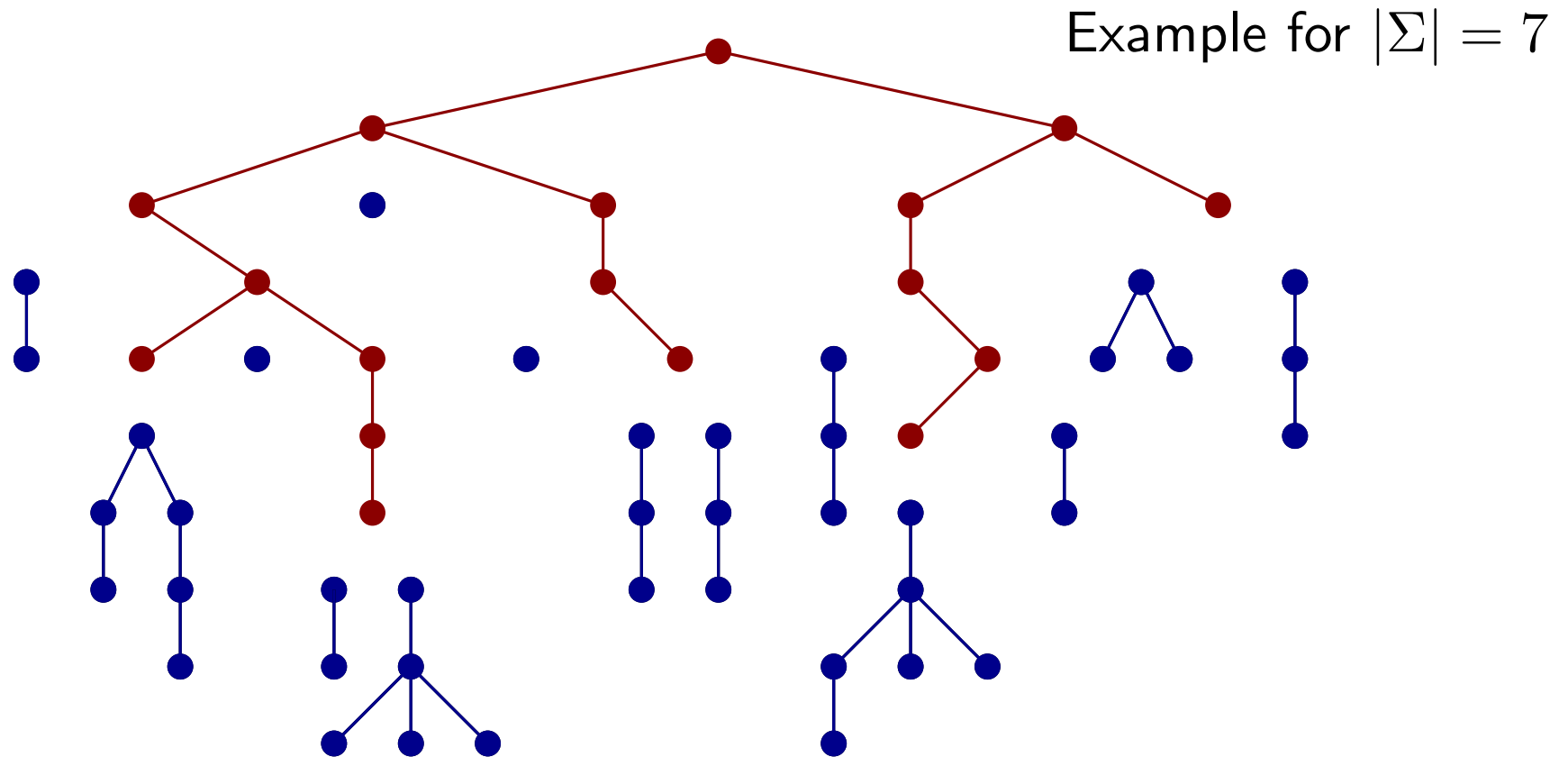


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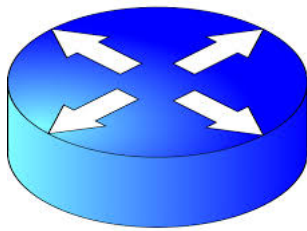
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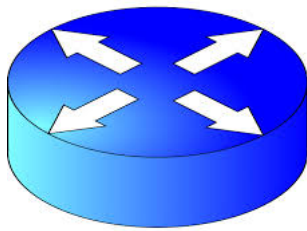
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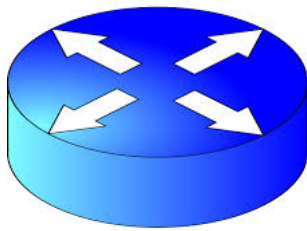
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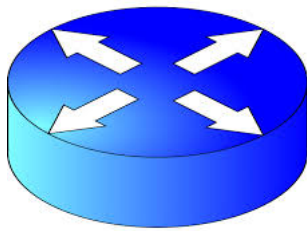
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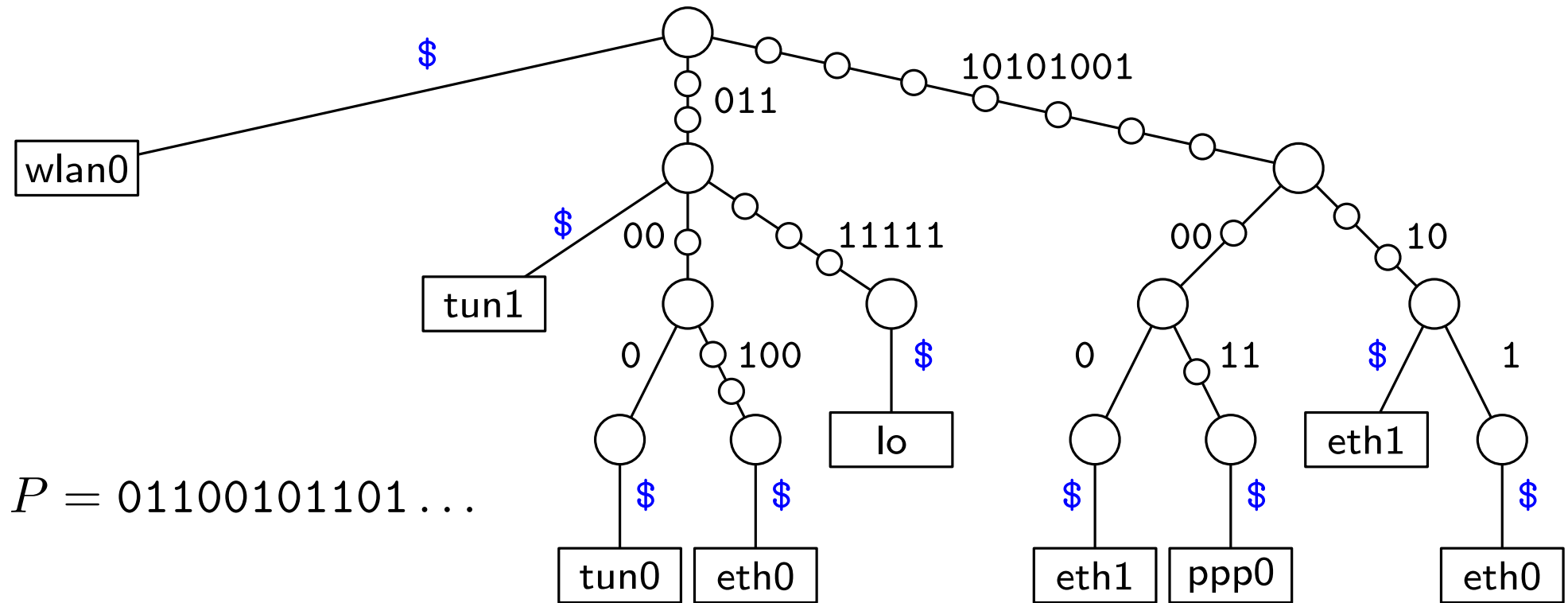
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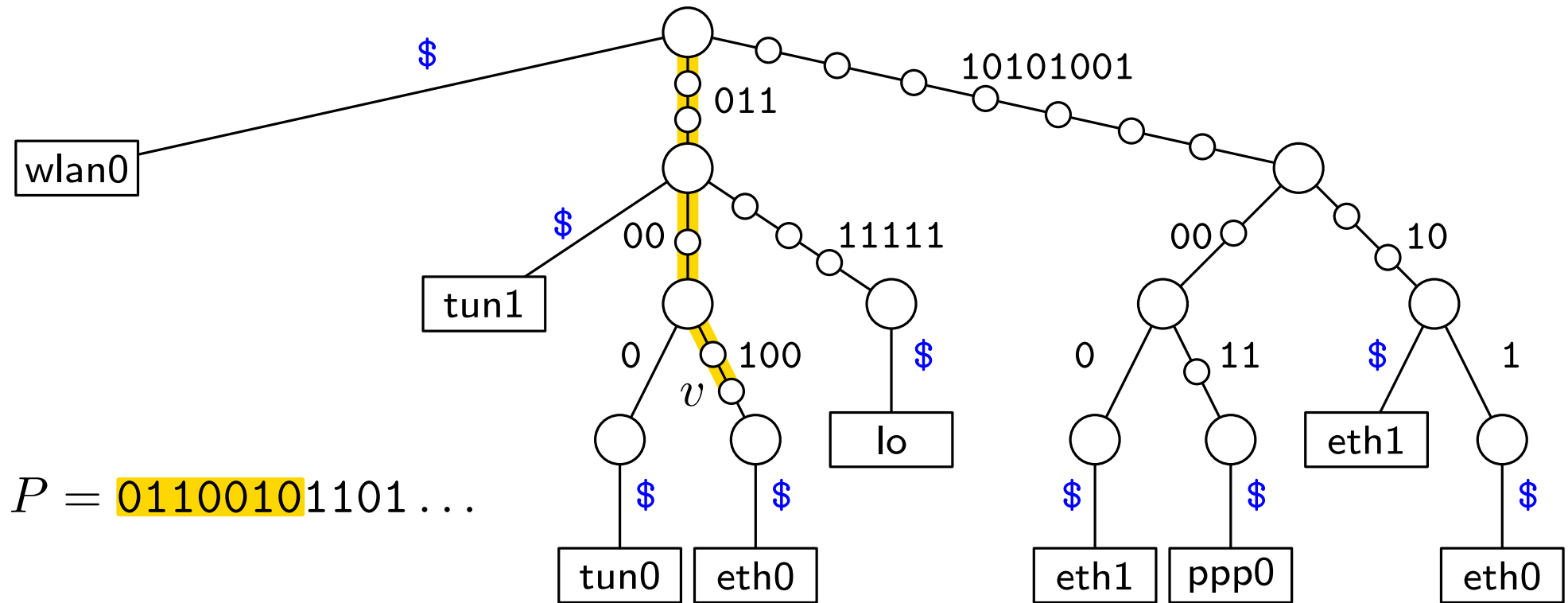
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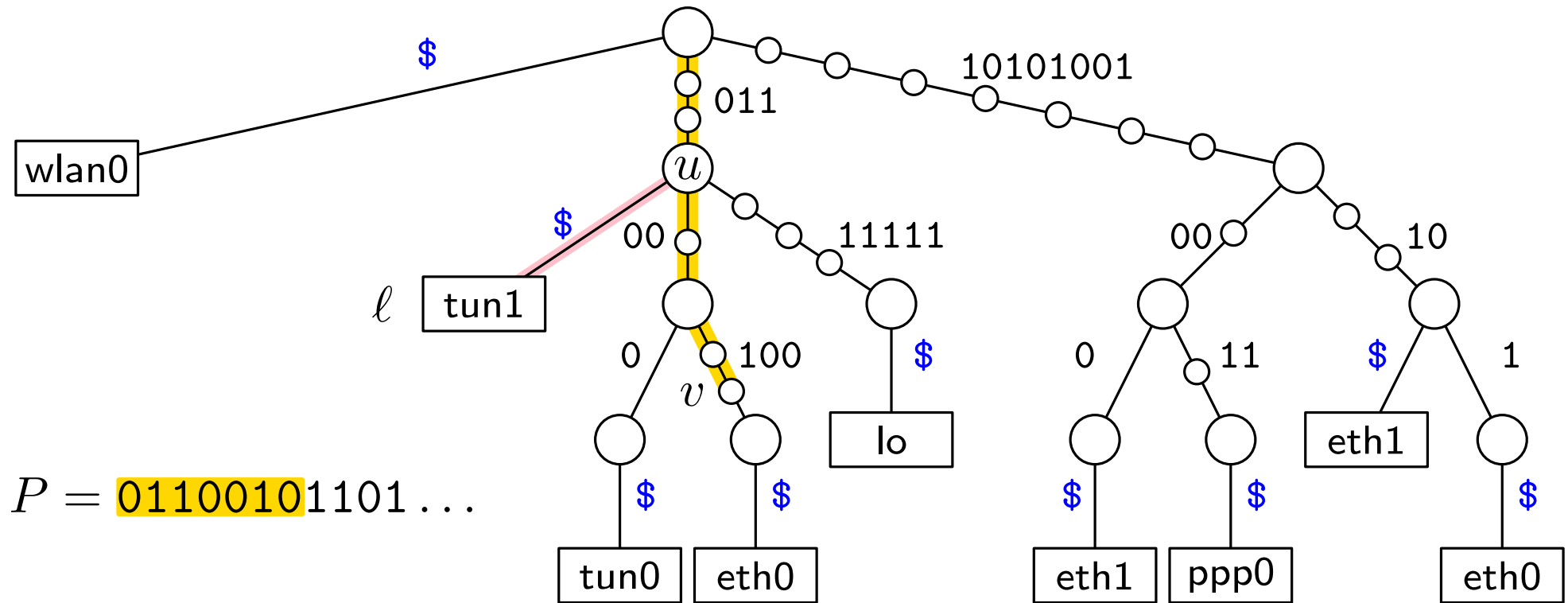
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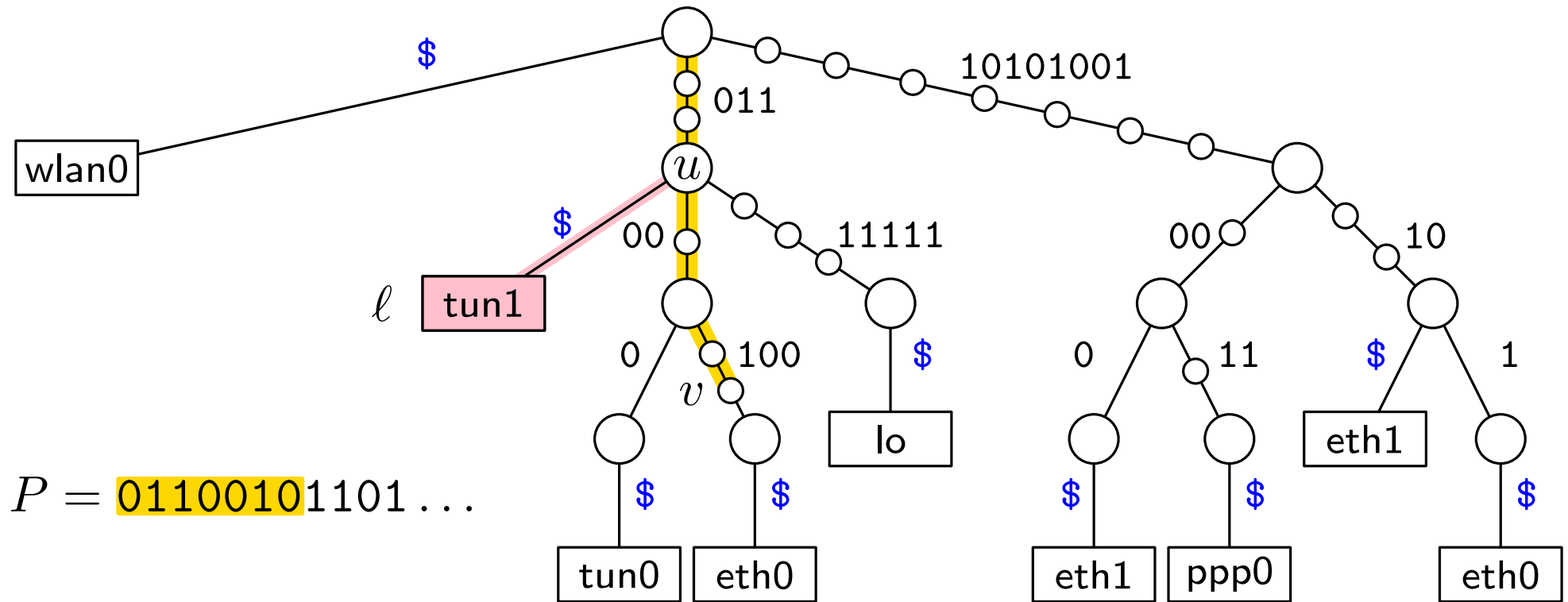
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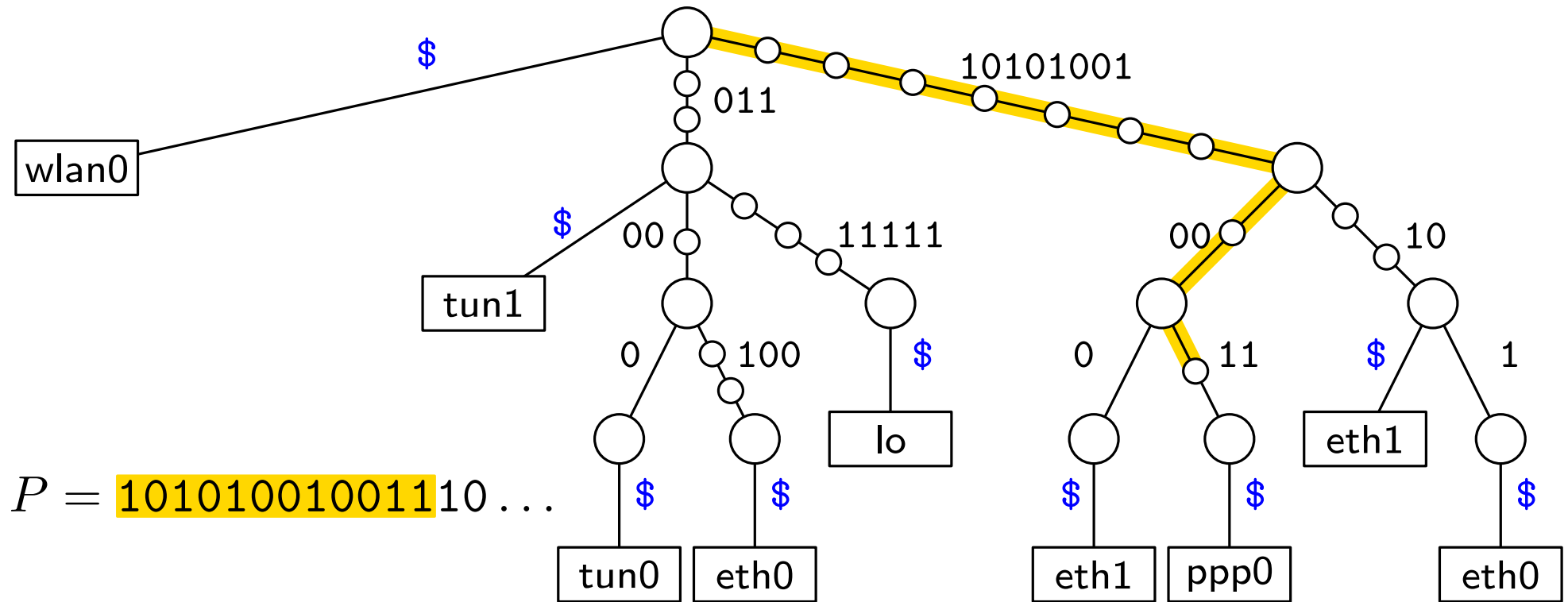
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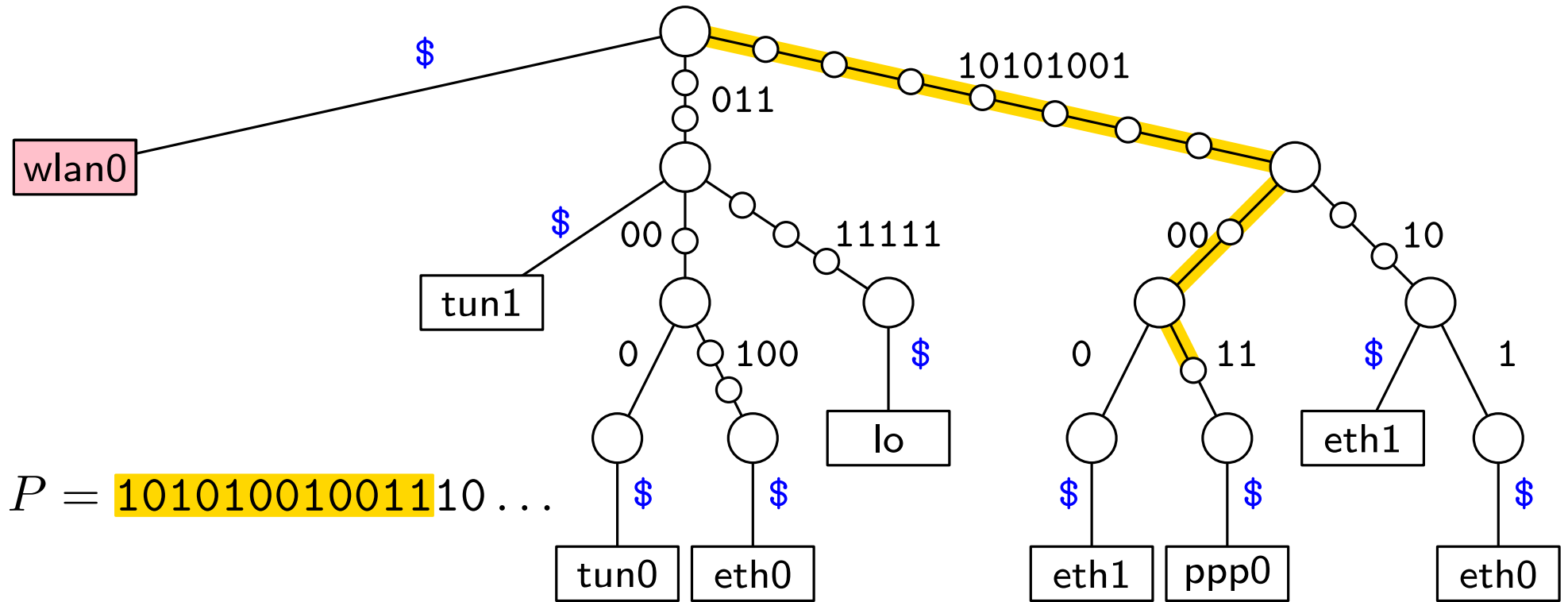
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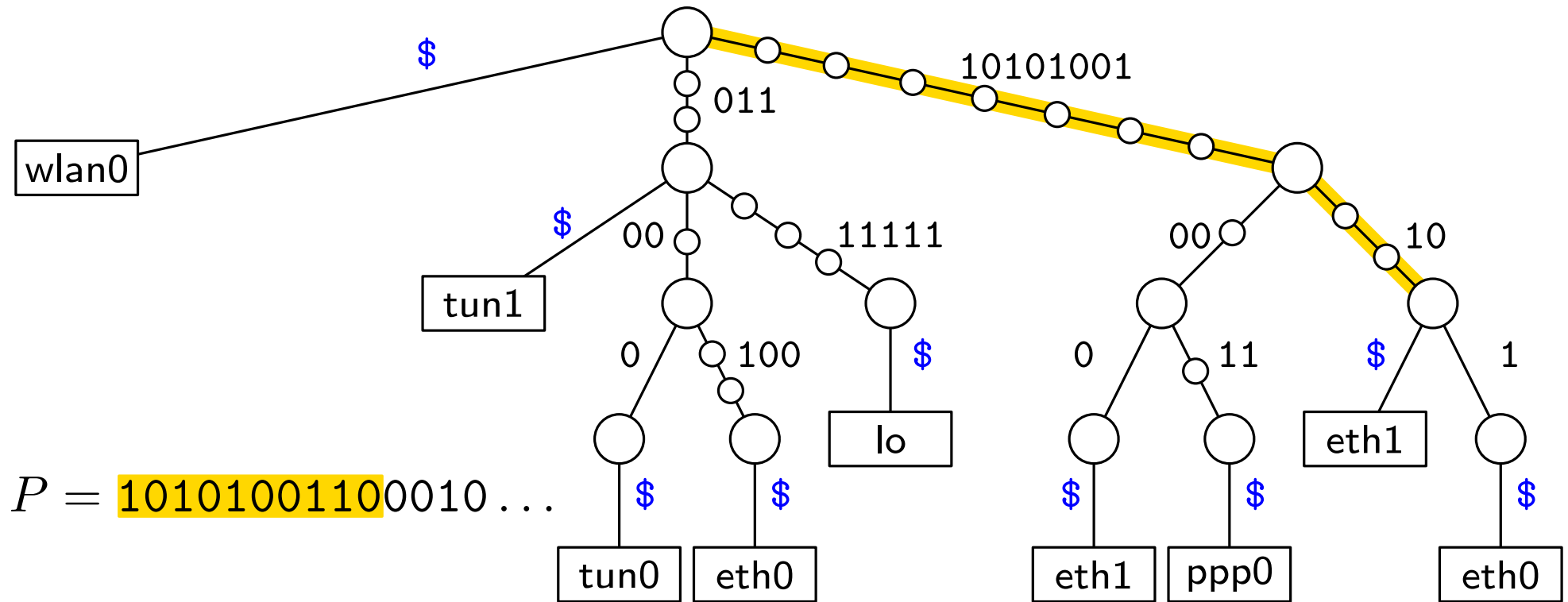
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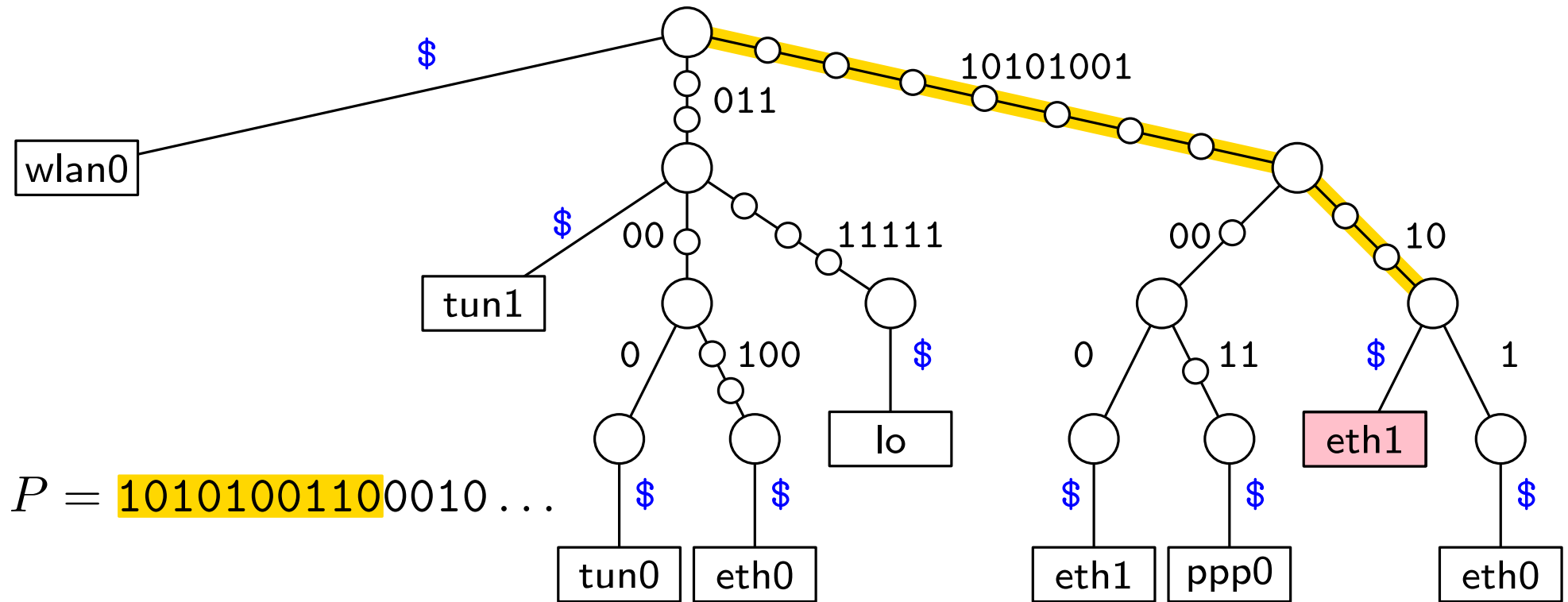
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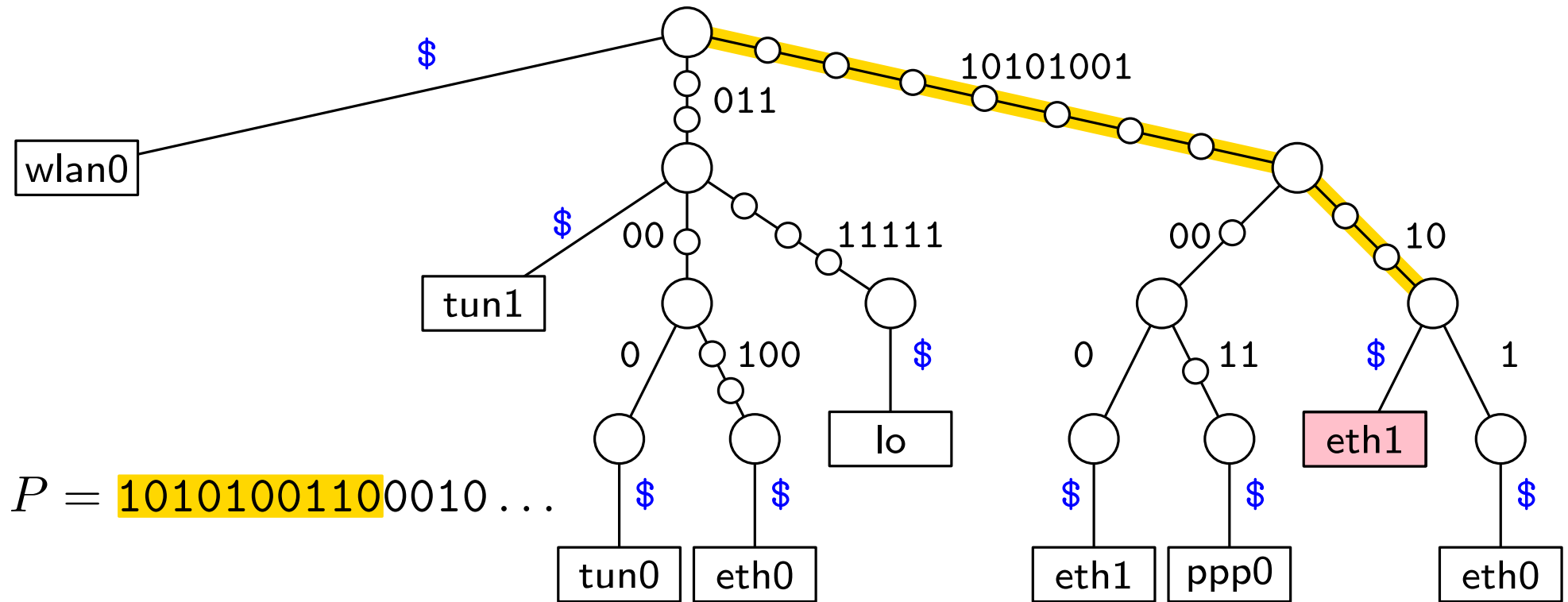
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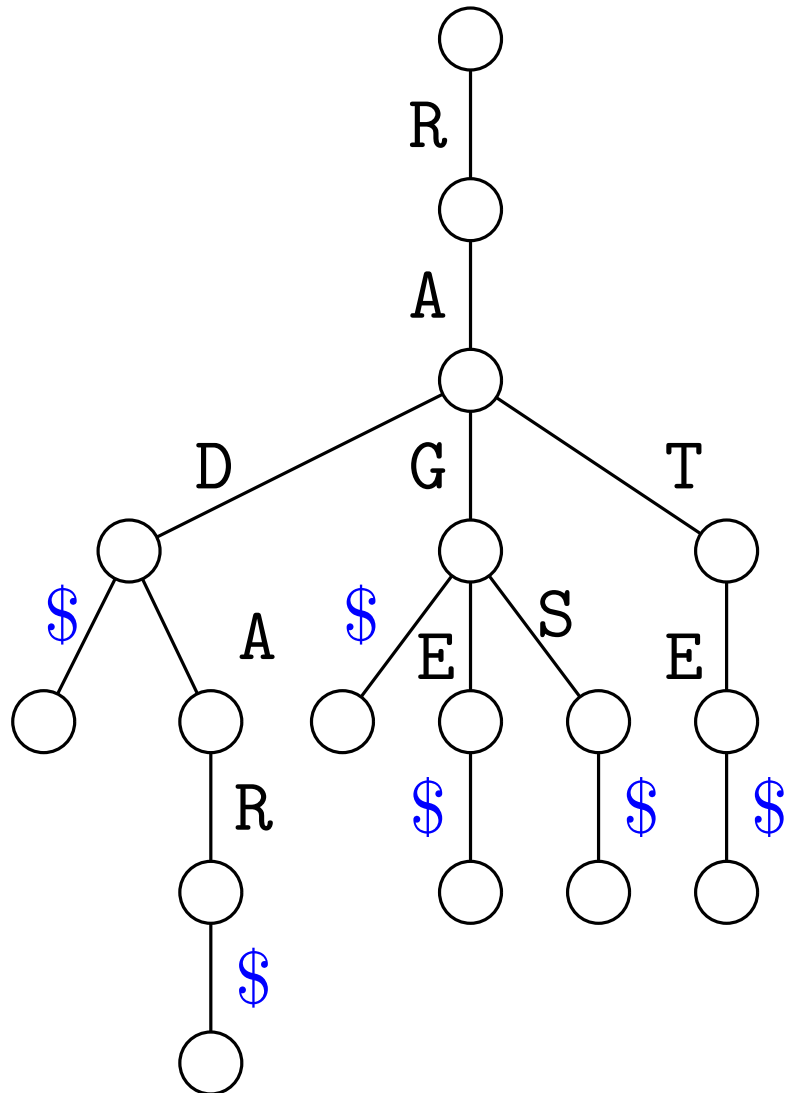


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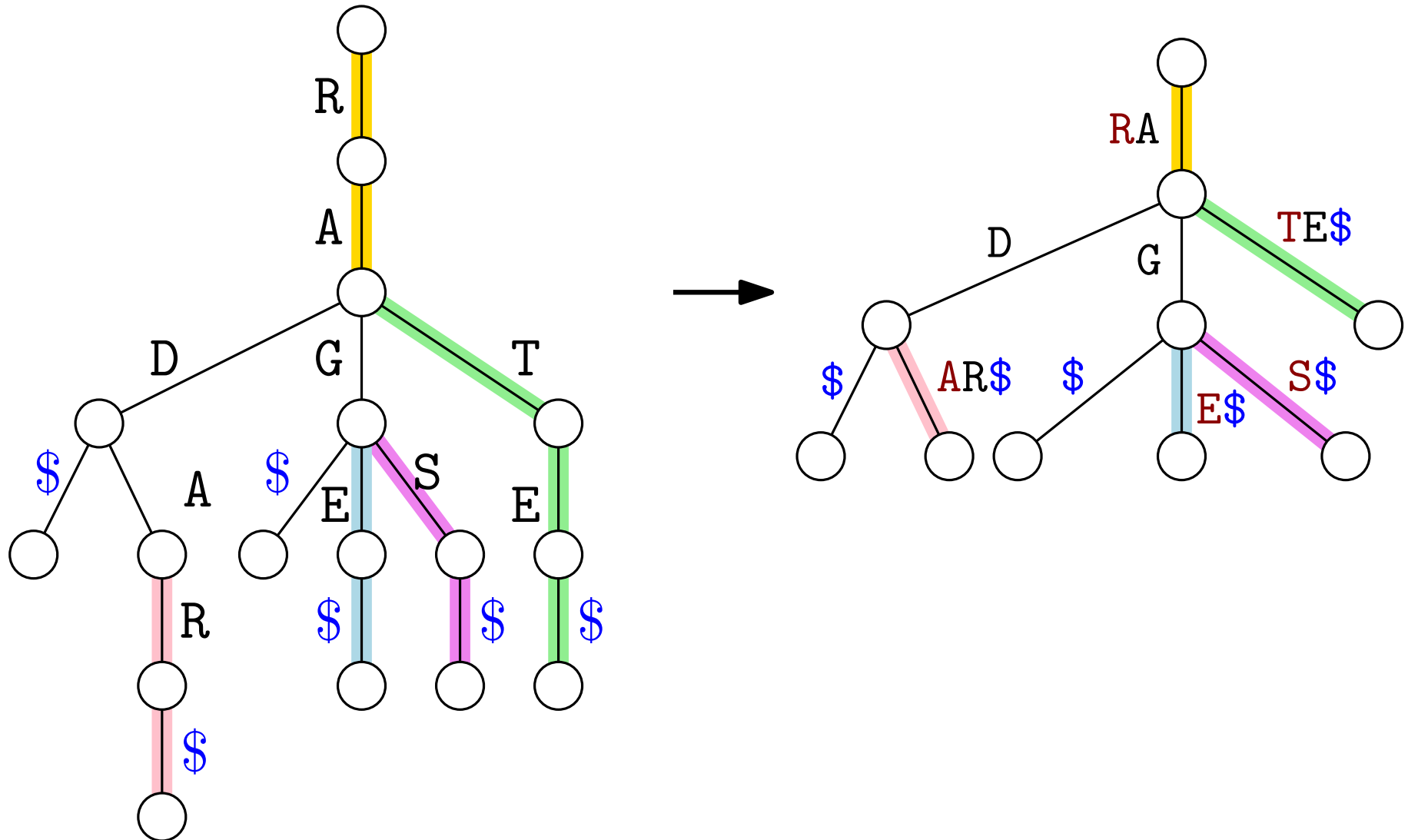
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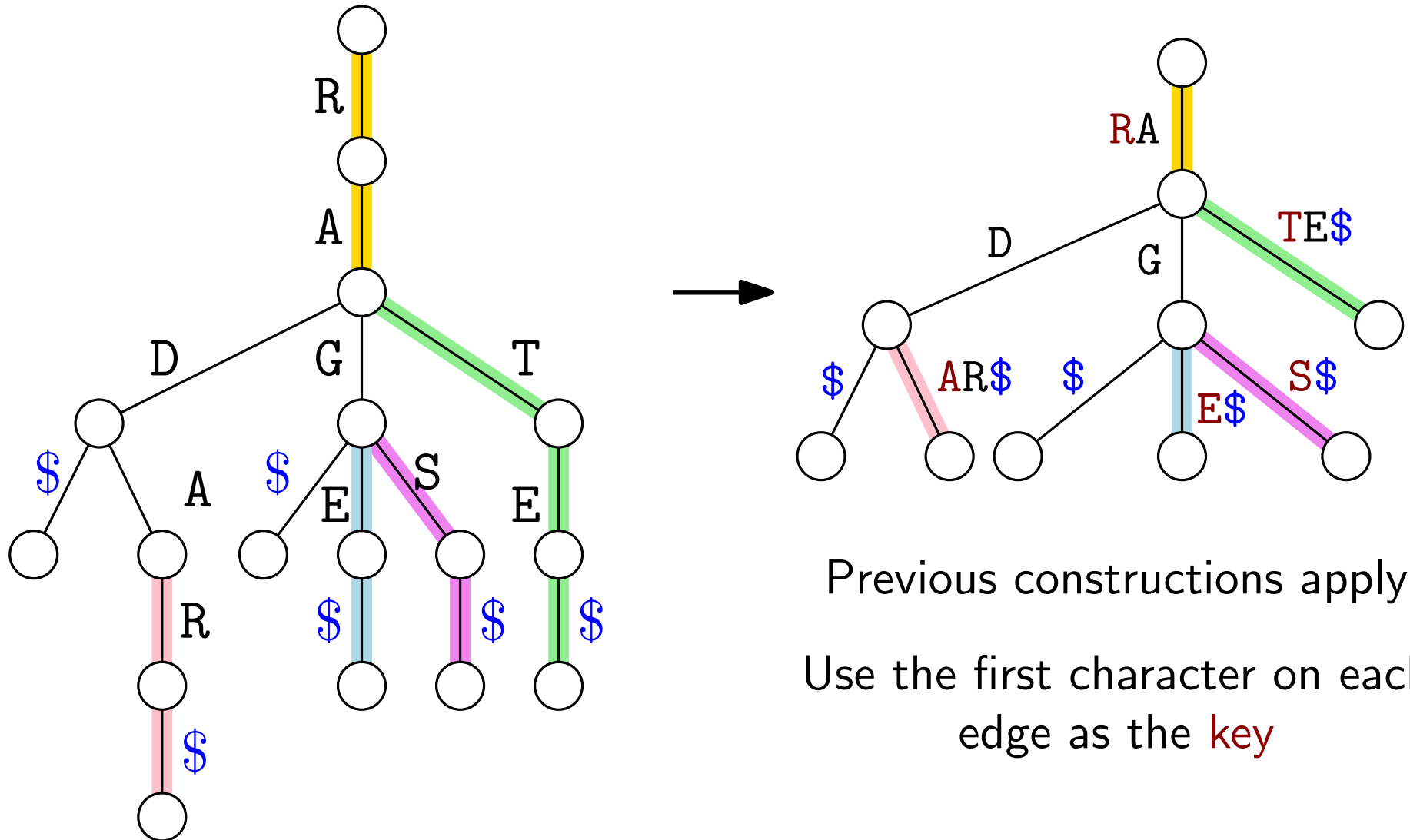
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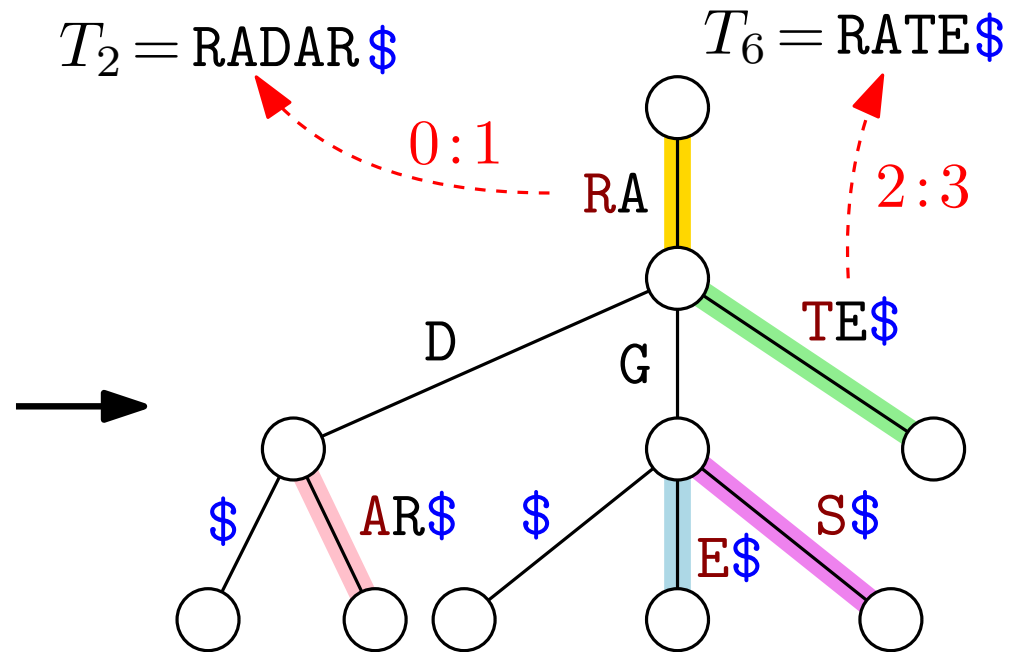
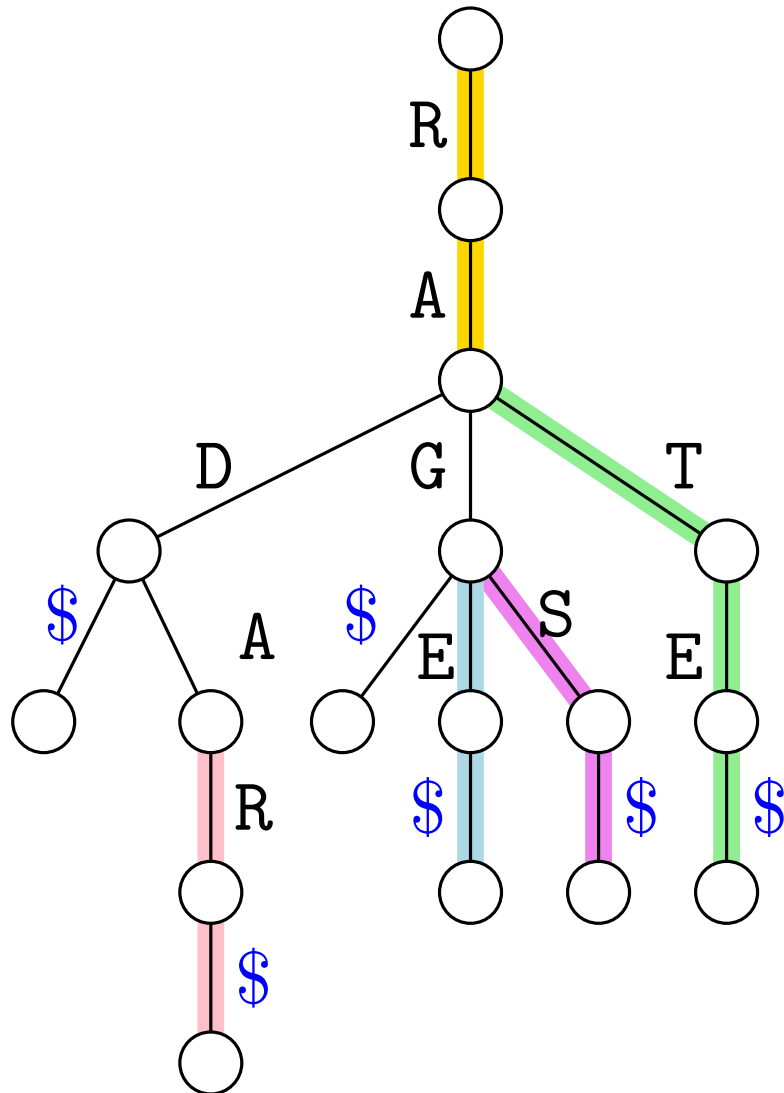
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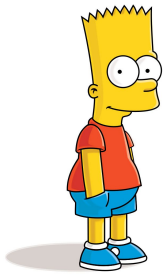
Use the first character on each edge as the **key**

Store edge labels as indices in the input strings

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Back to String Matching

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$$\Sigma = \{A, B, \dots, Z, a, b, \dots, z, _ \}$$
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Want: A data structure that can preprocesses T and answer string matching queries

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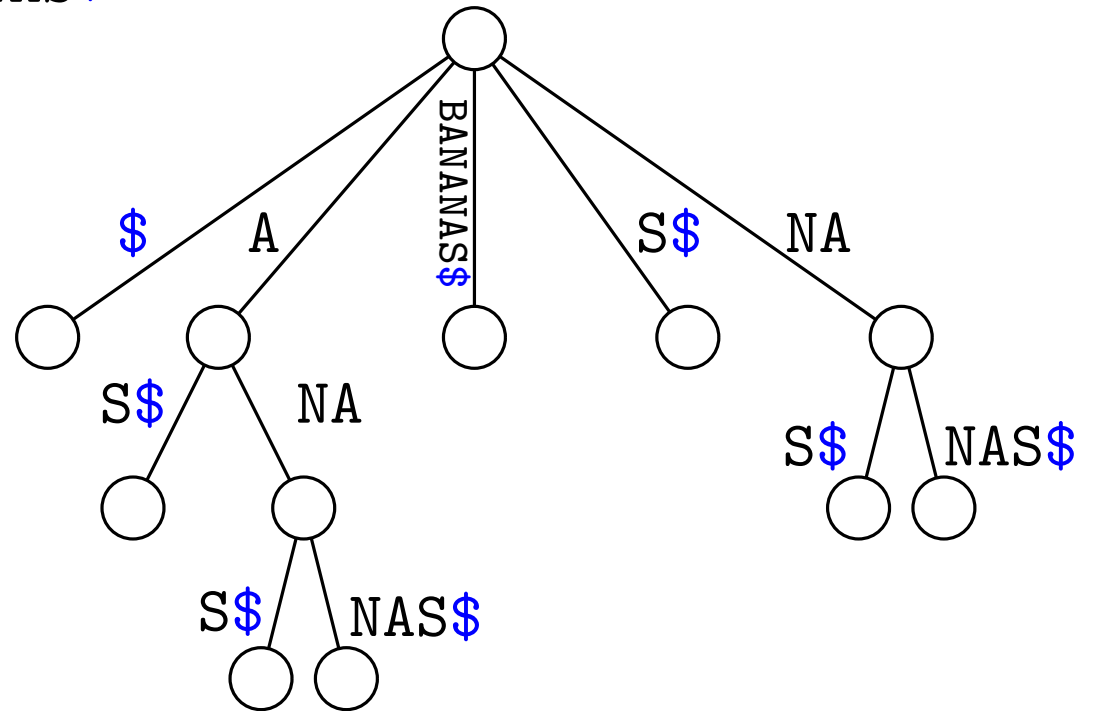
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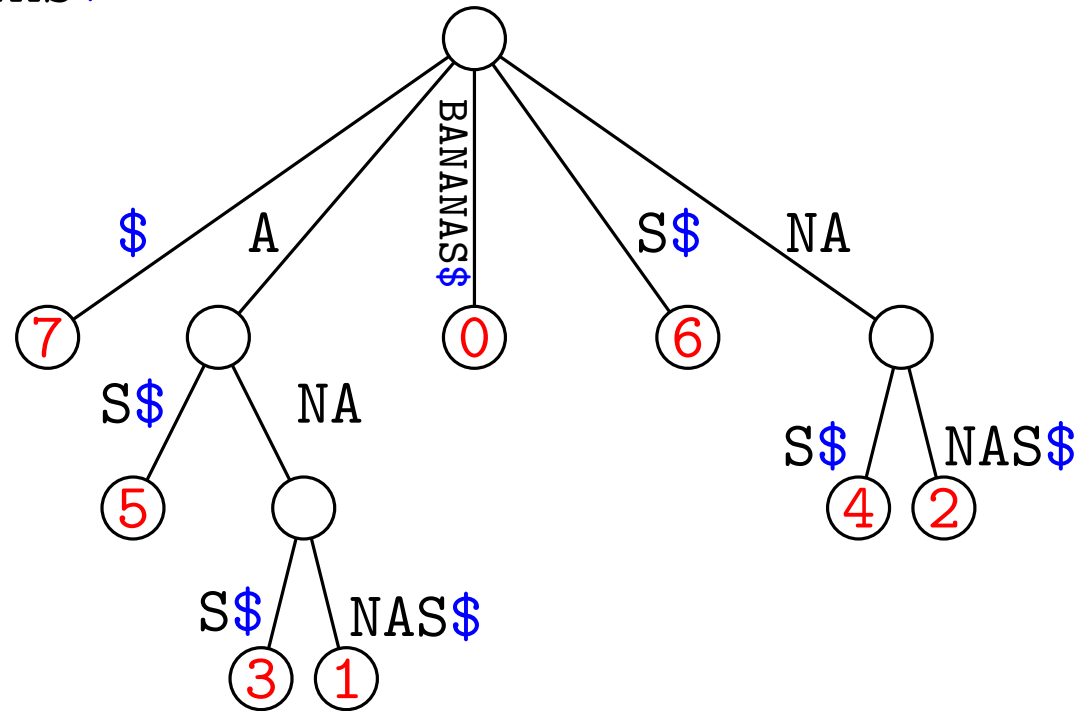


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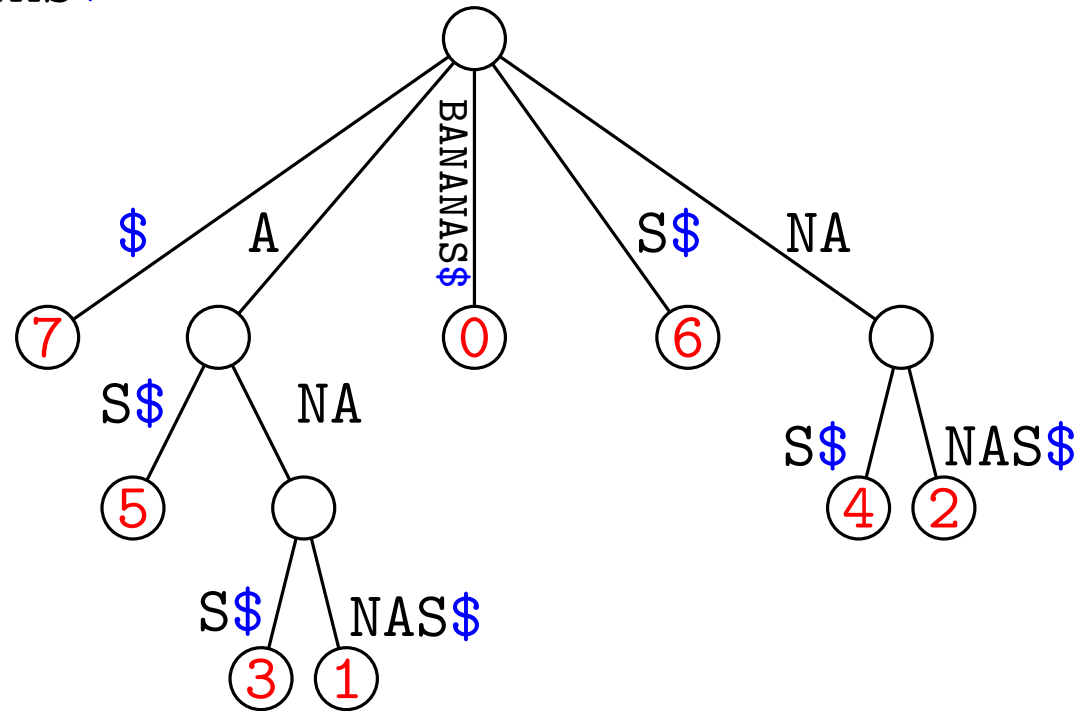
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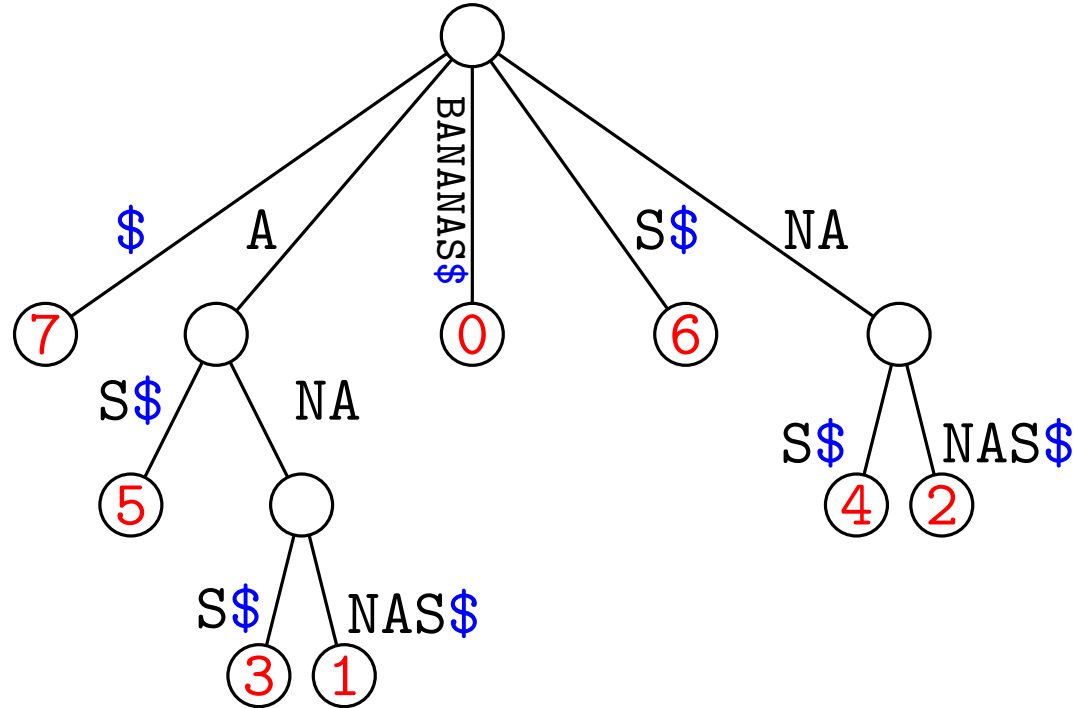


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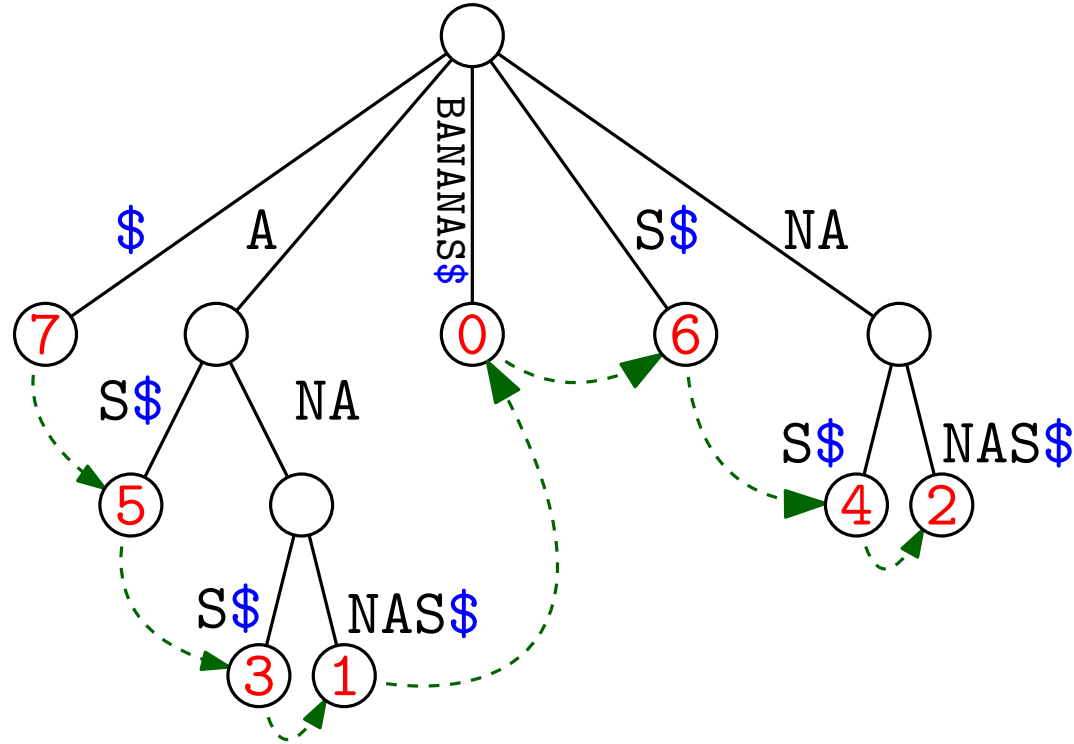
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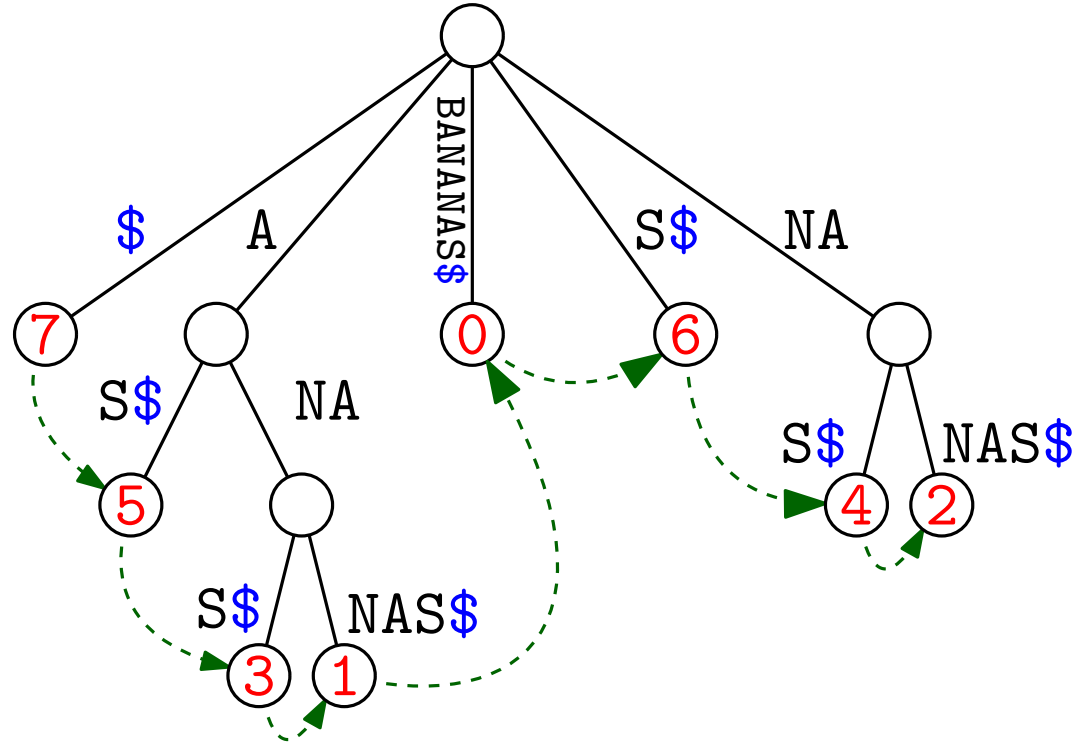
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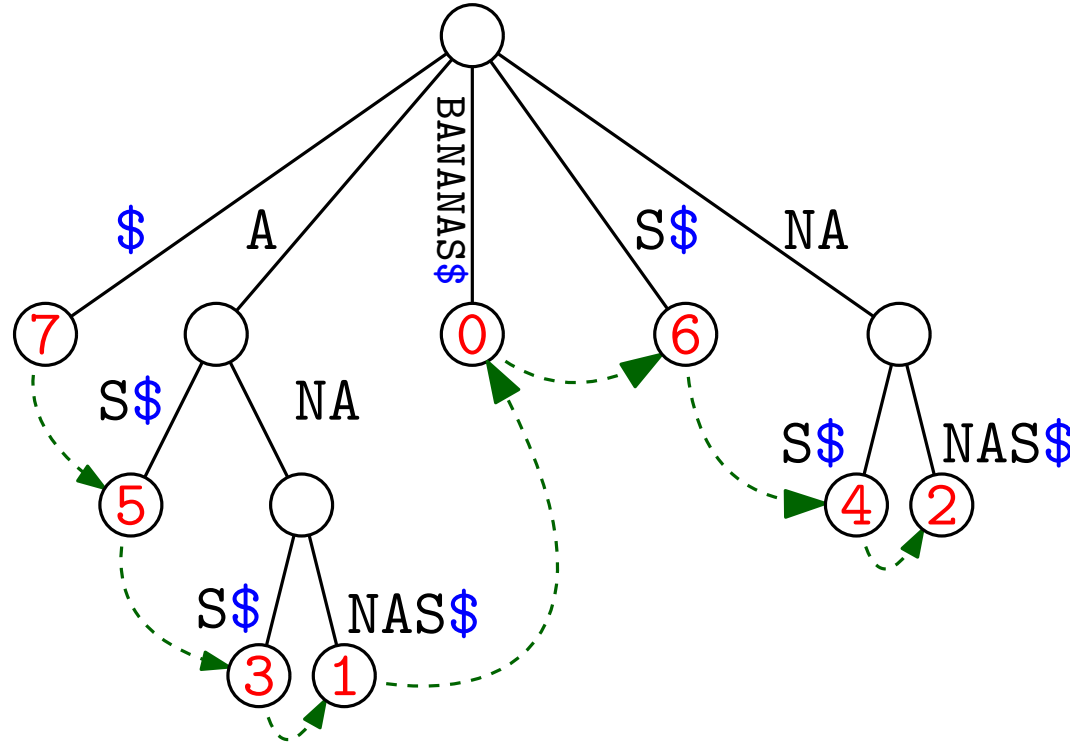


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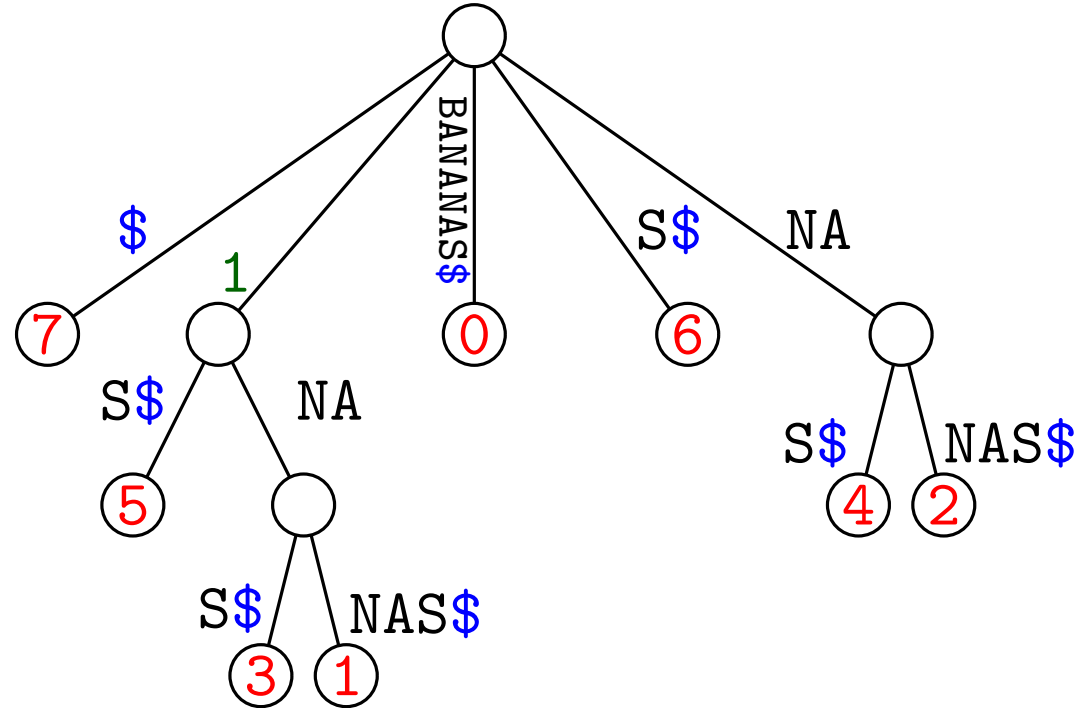
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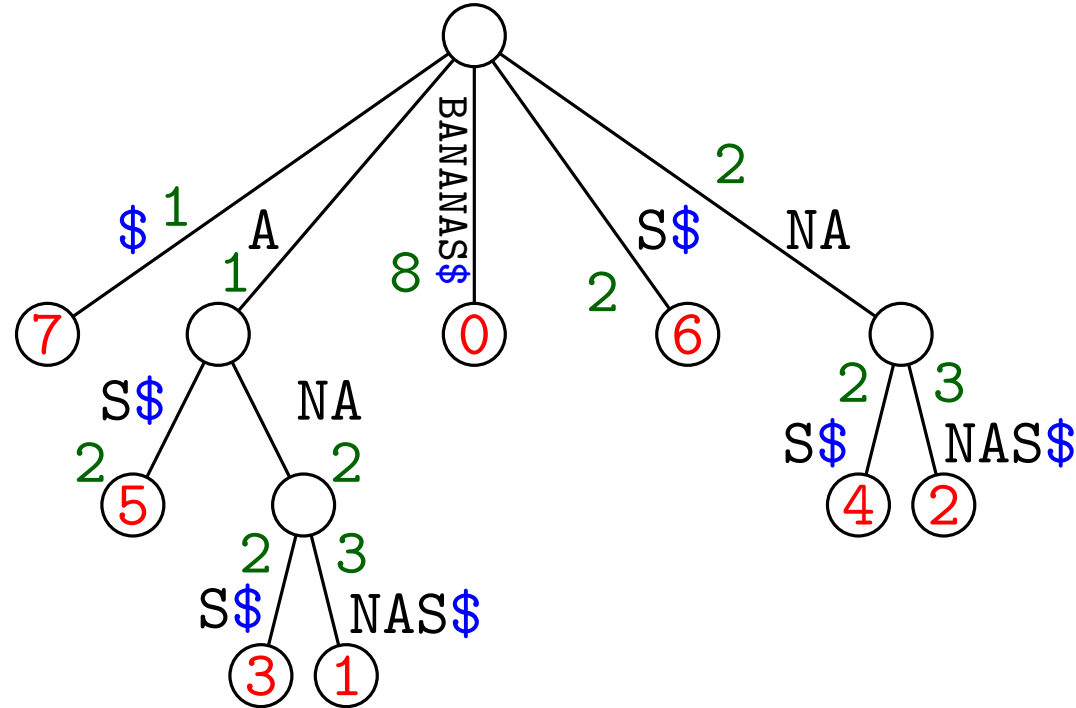
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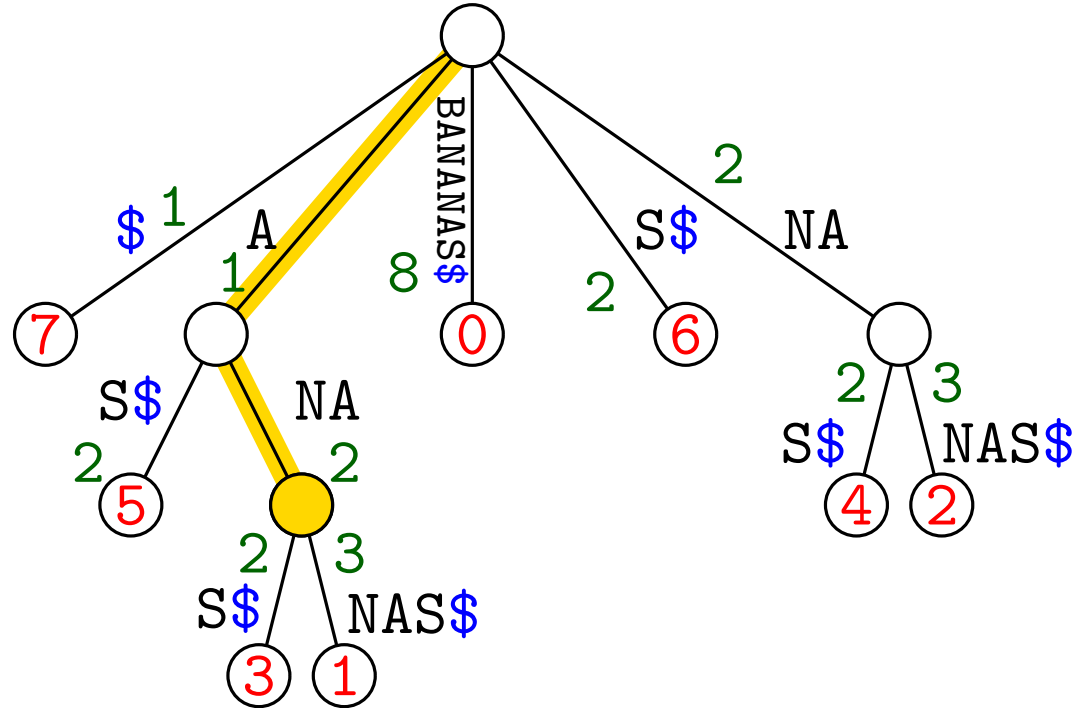
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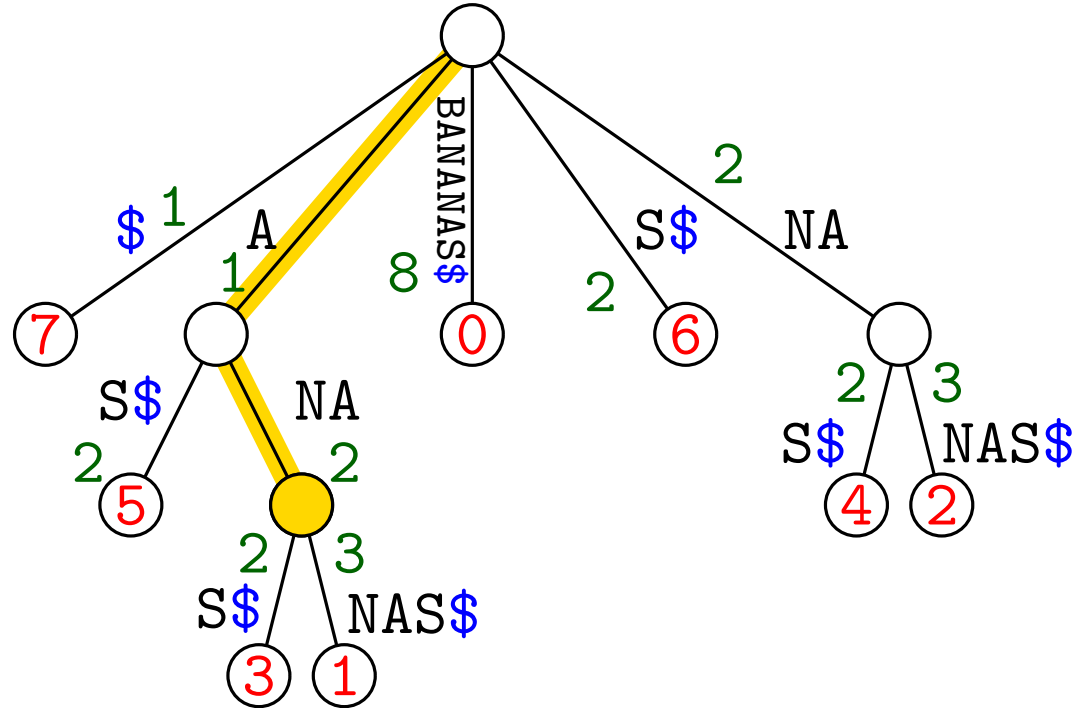
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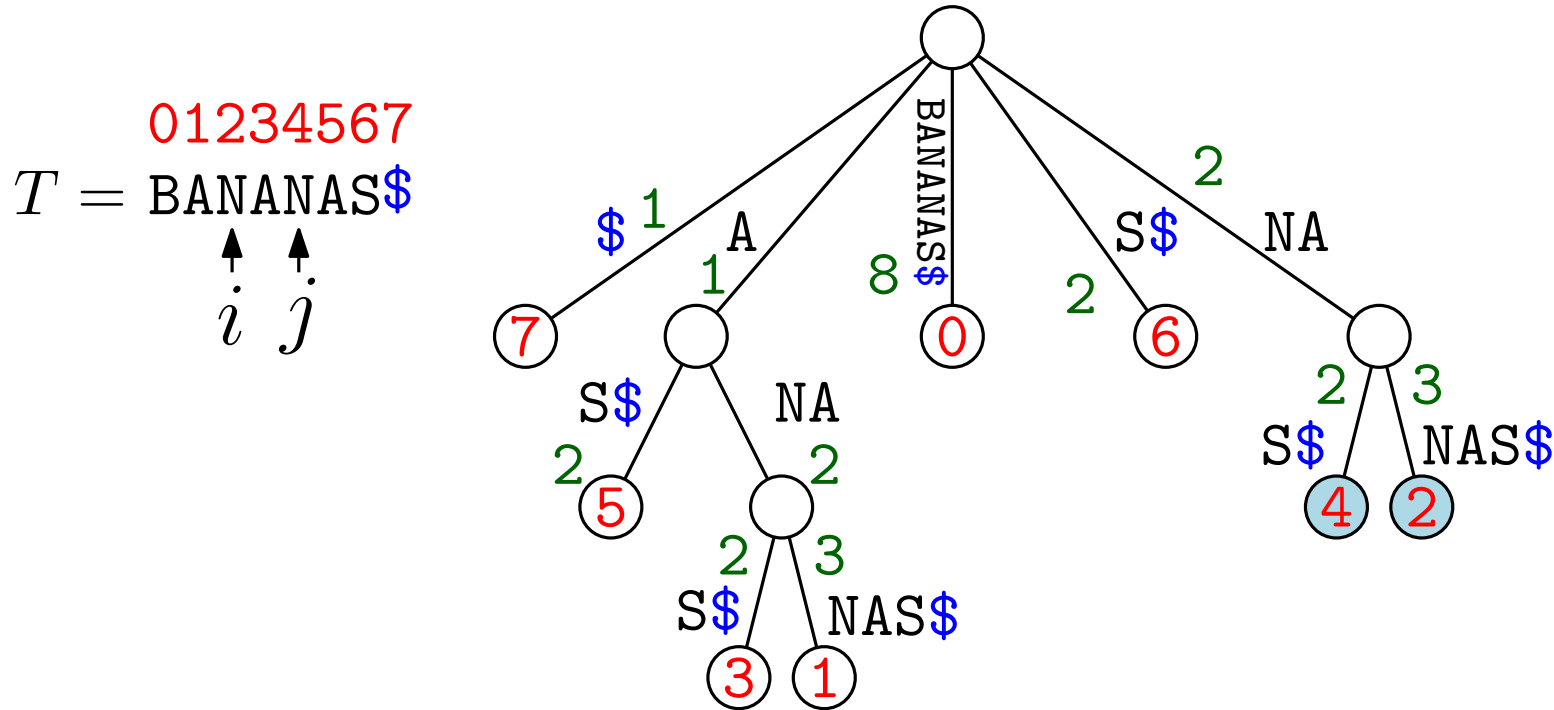


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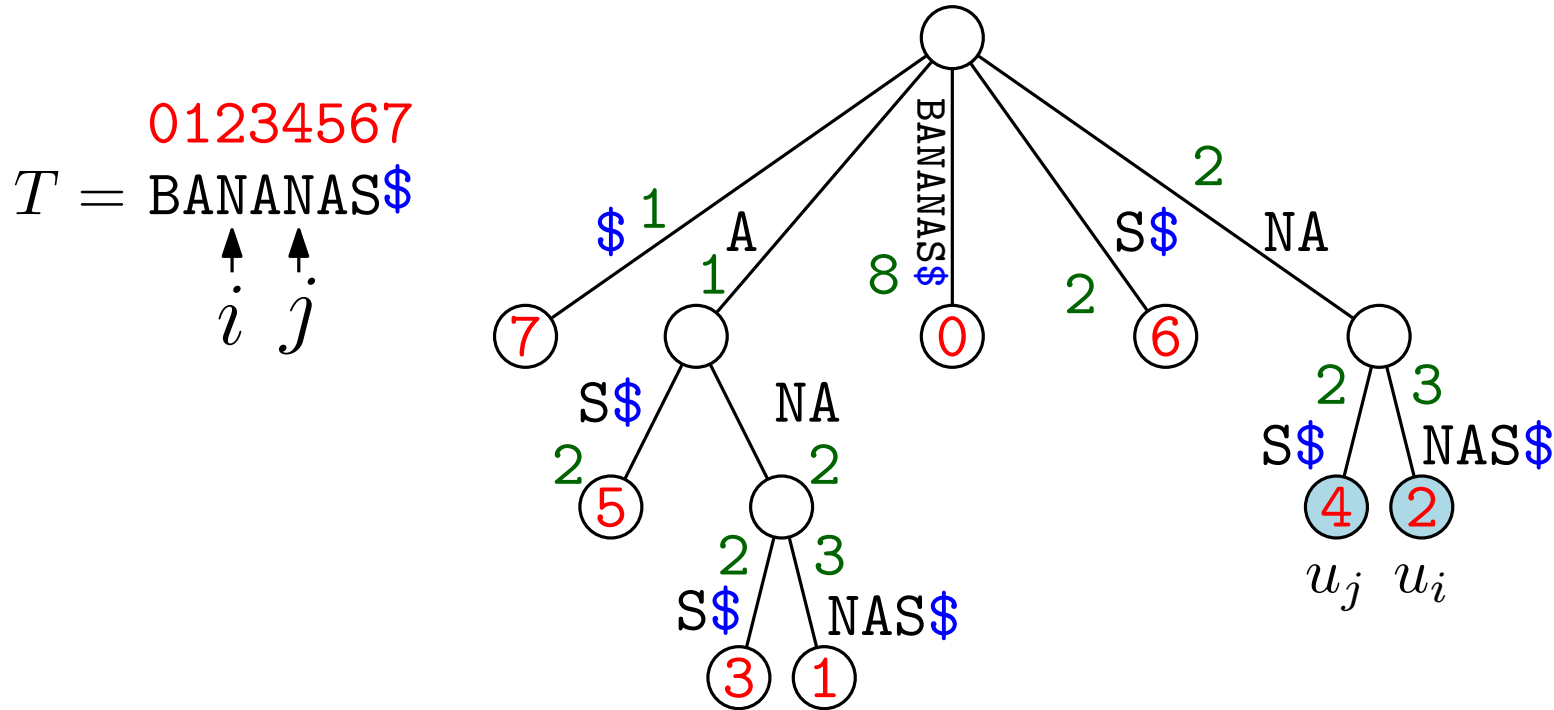
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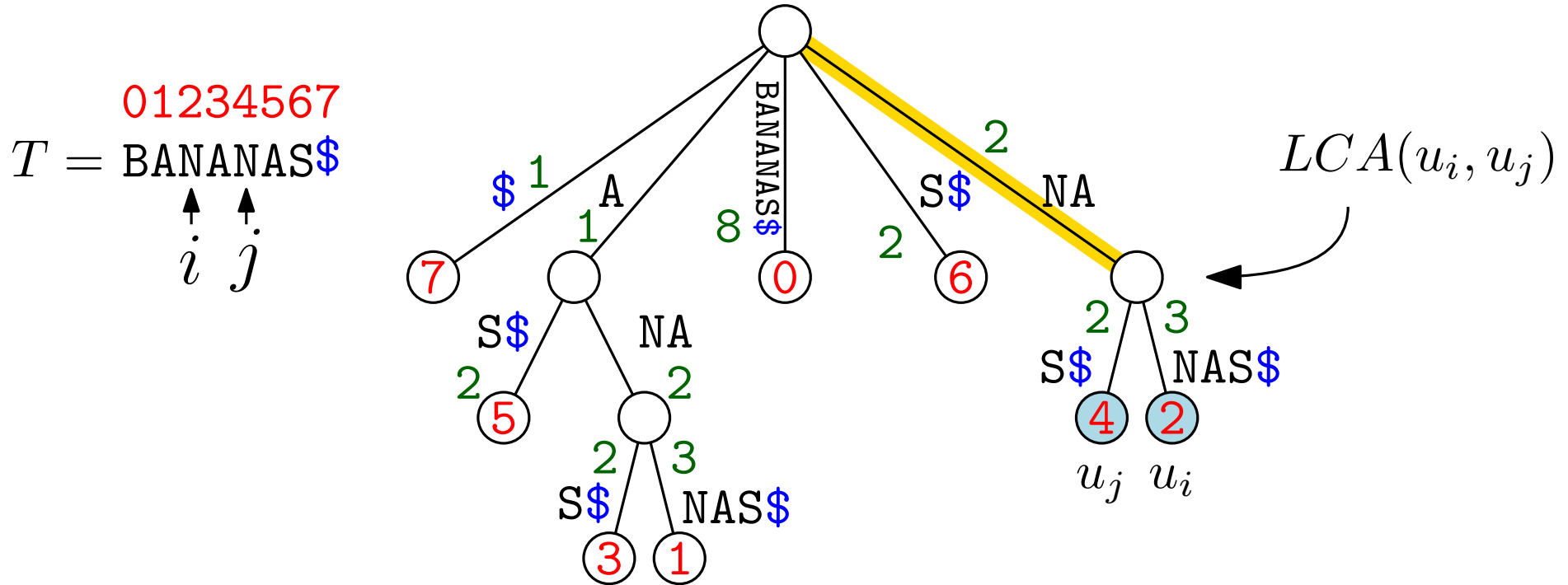
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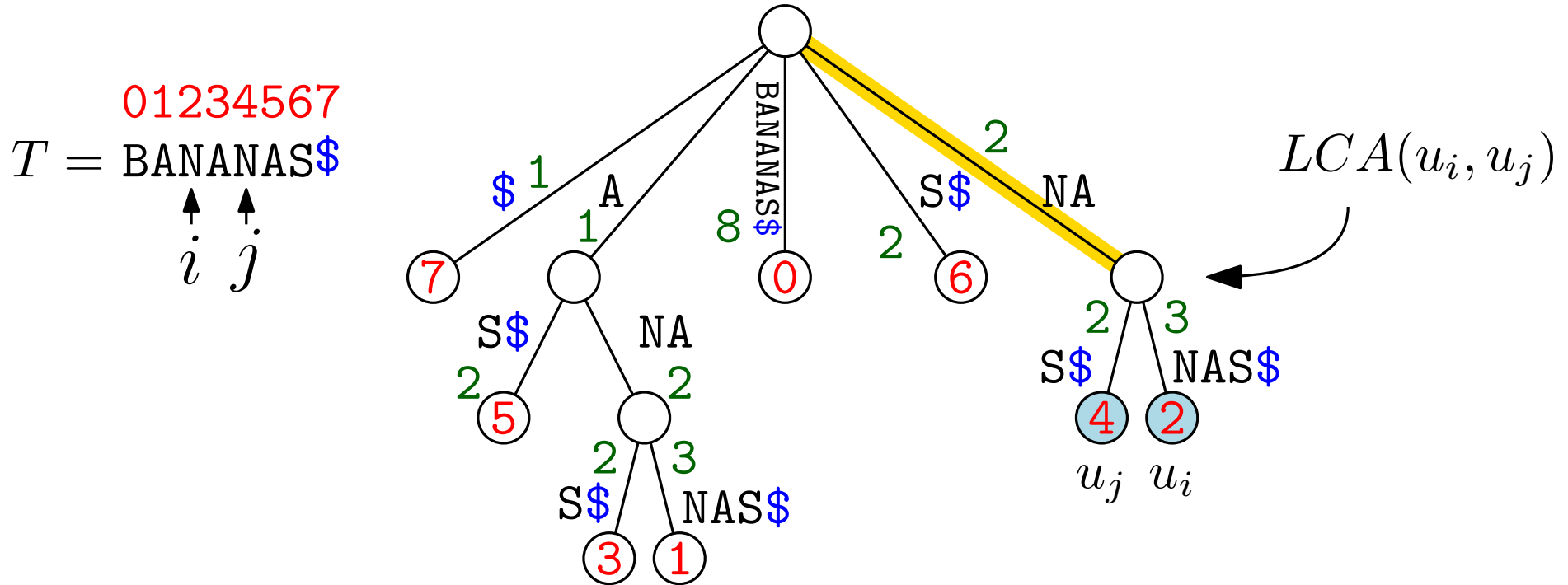
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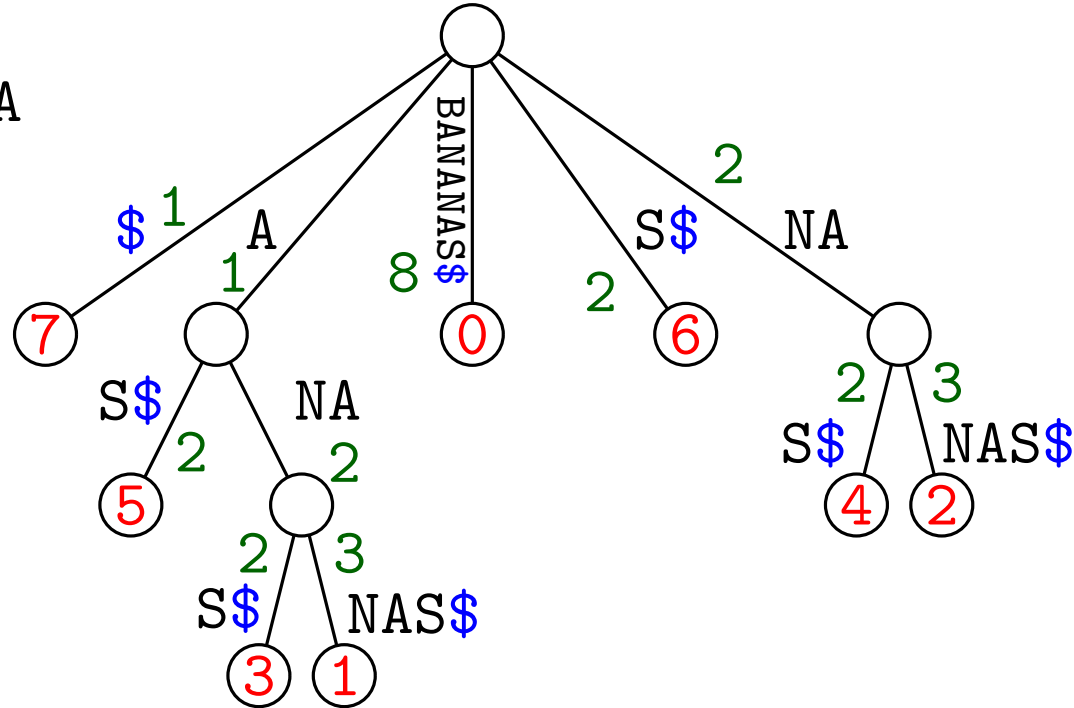
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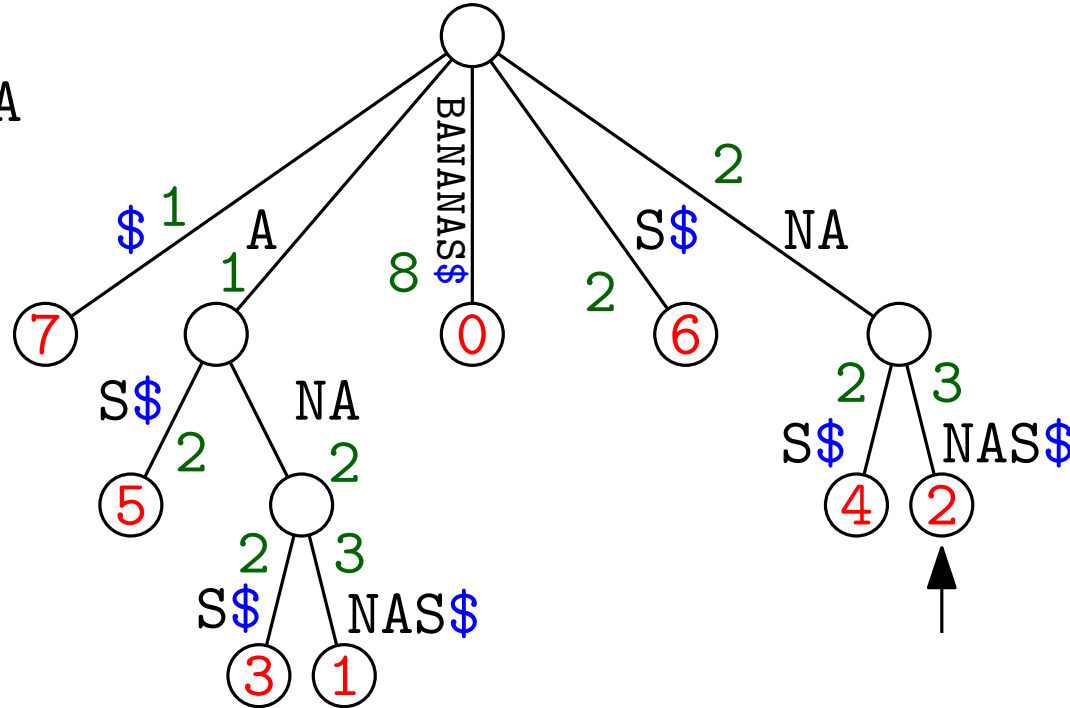


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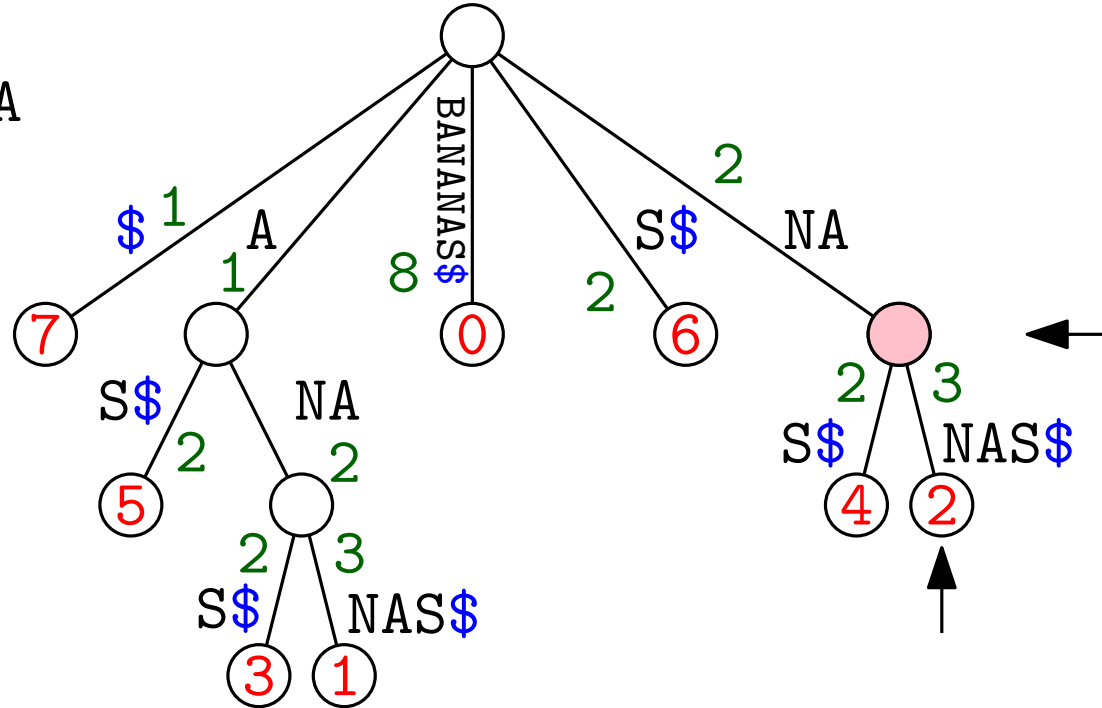


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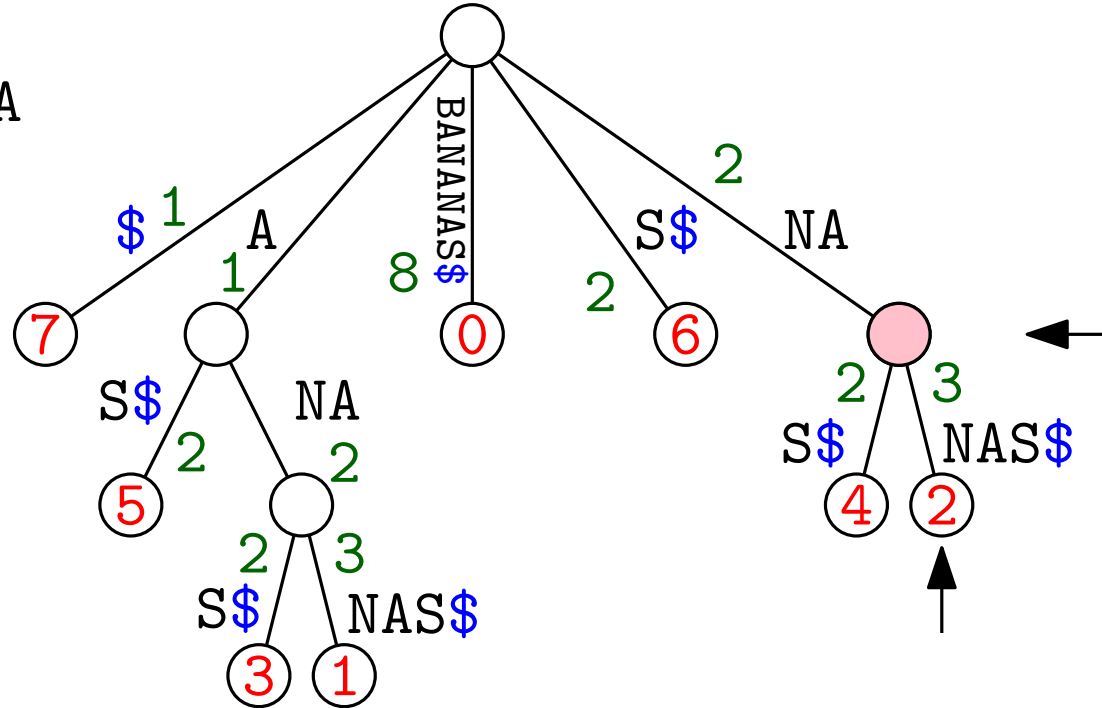


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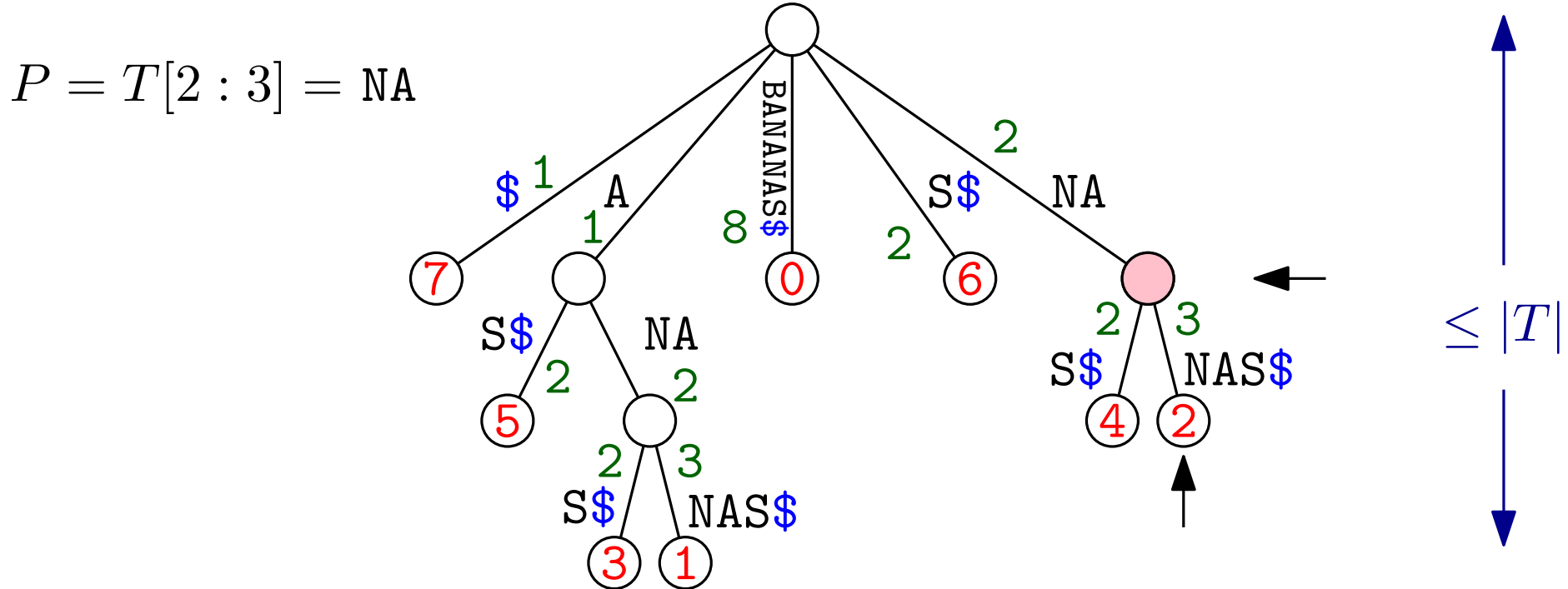
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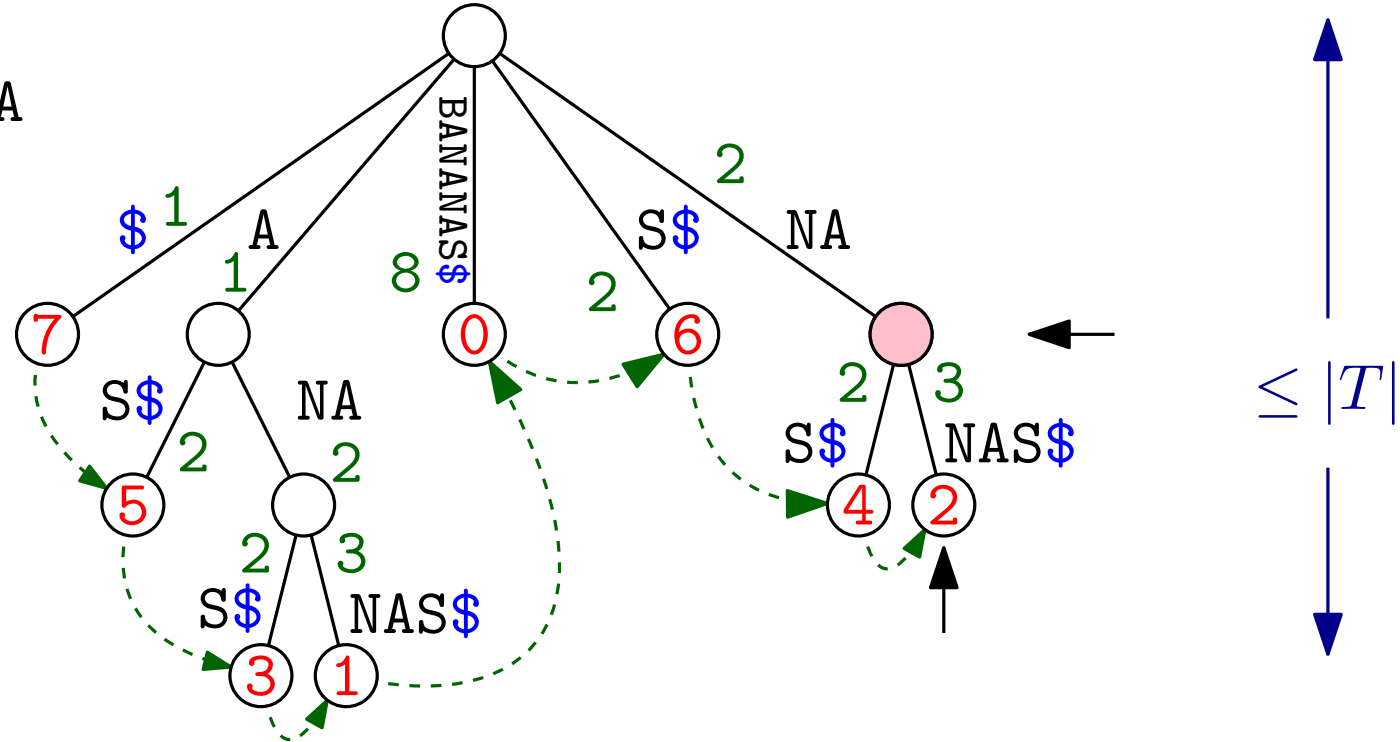
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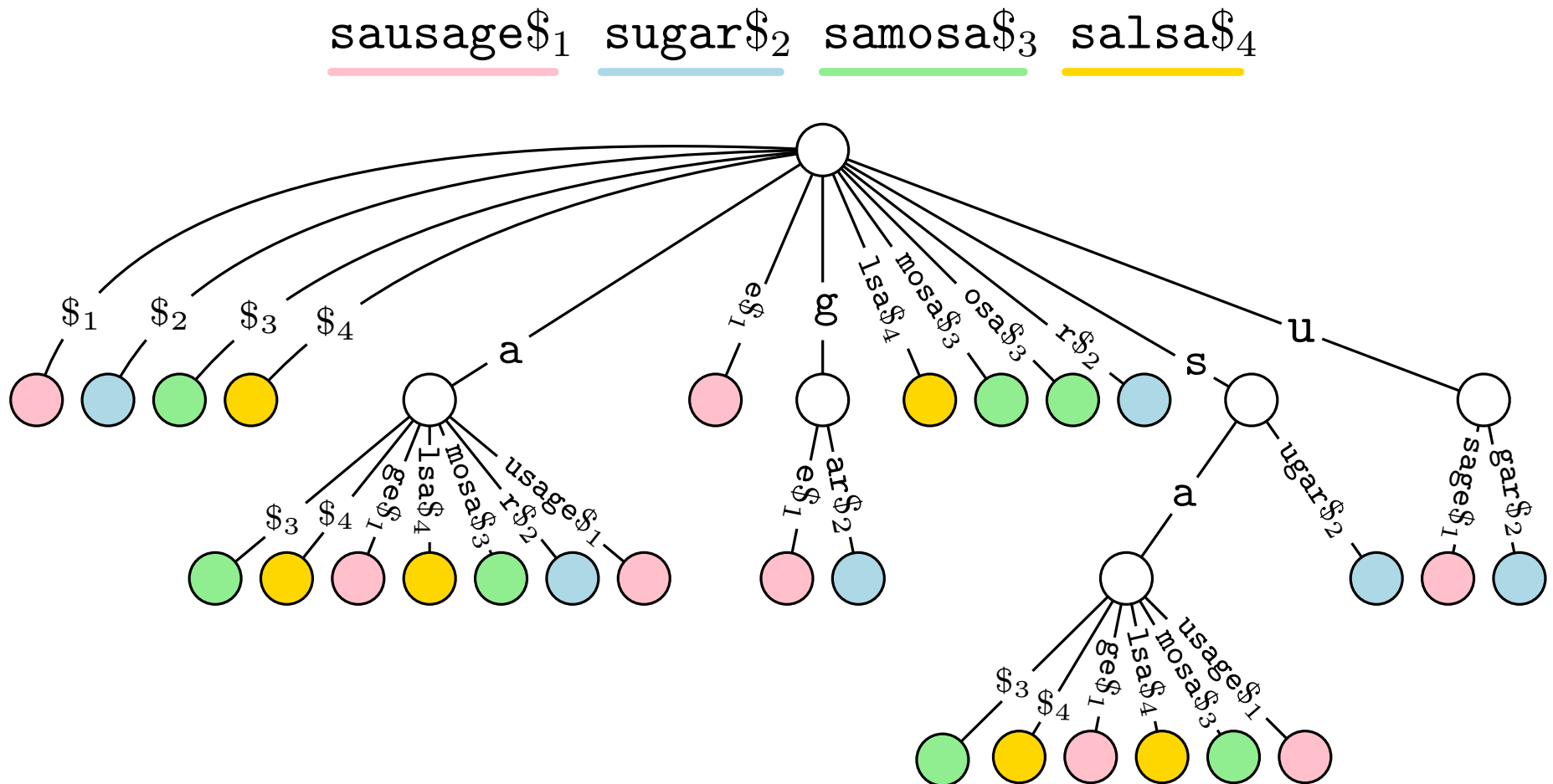
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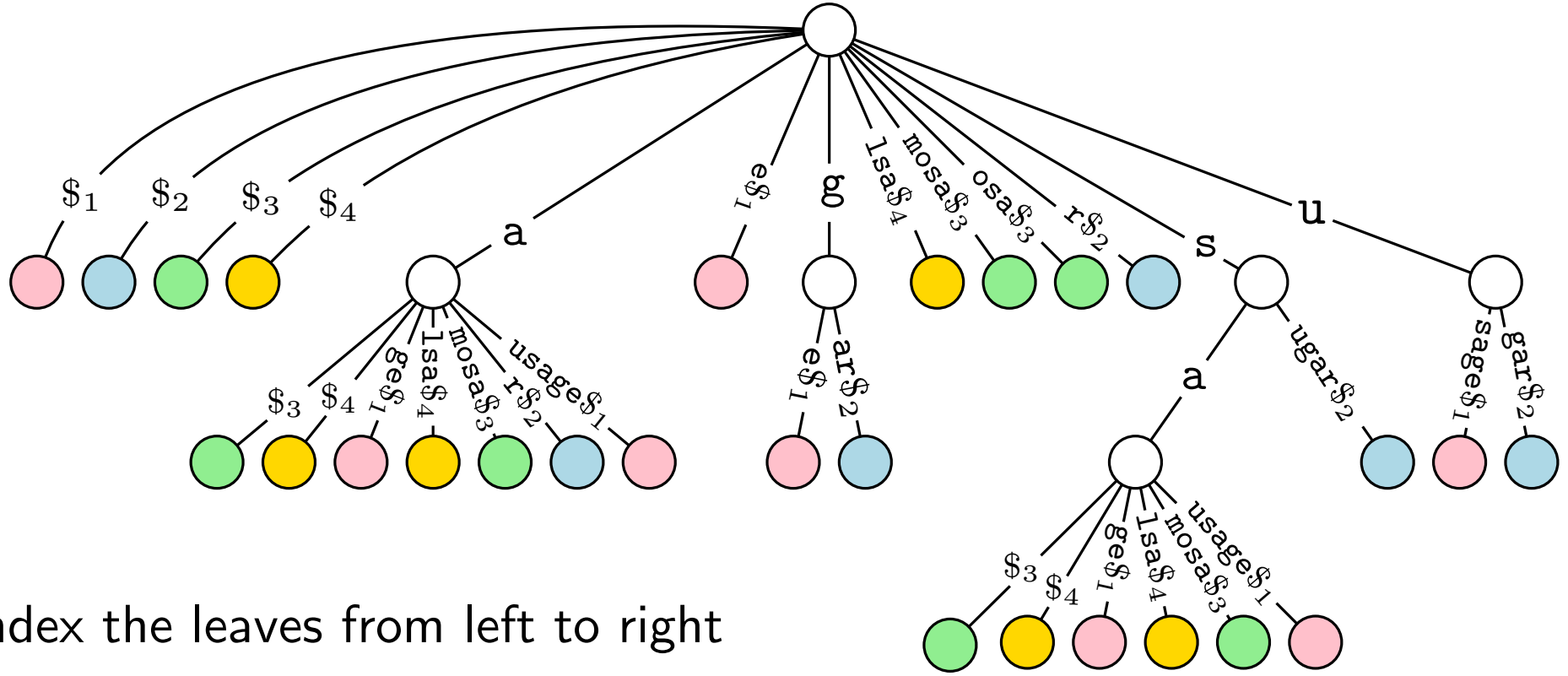
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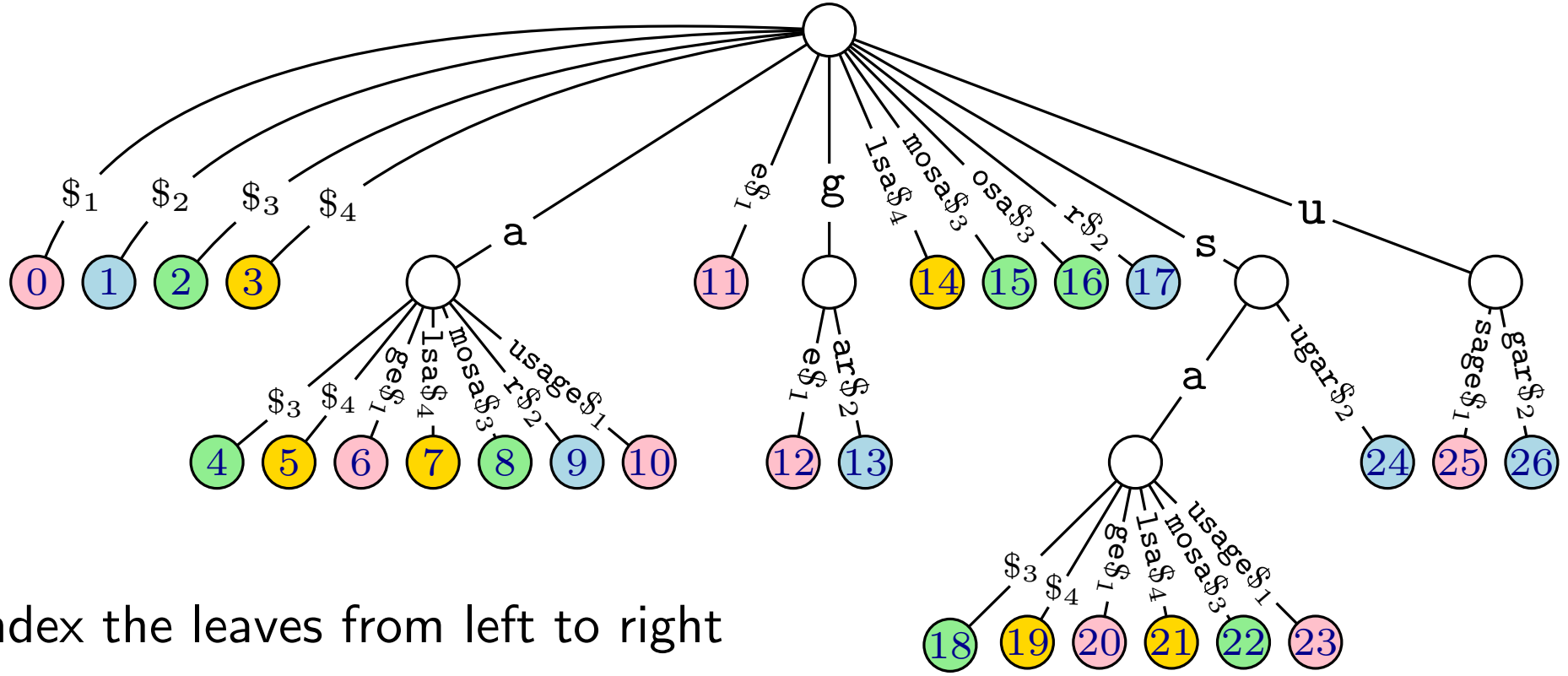
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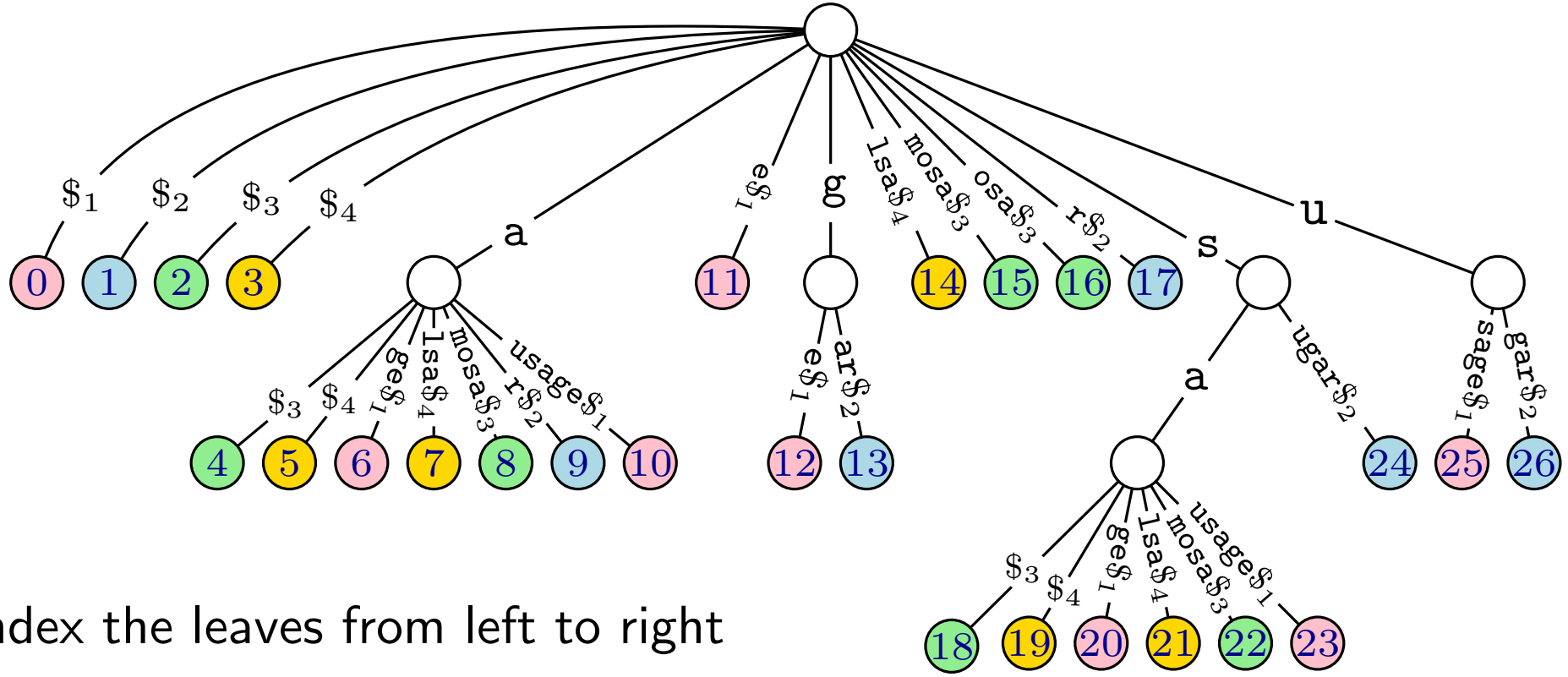


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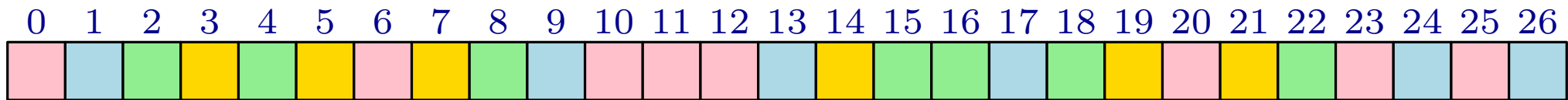
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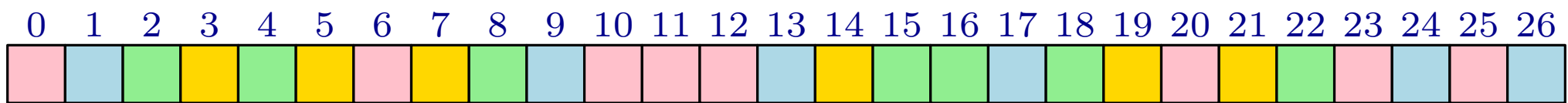
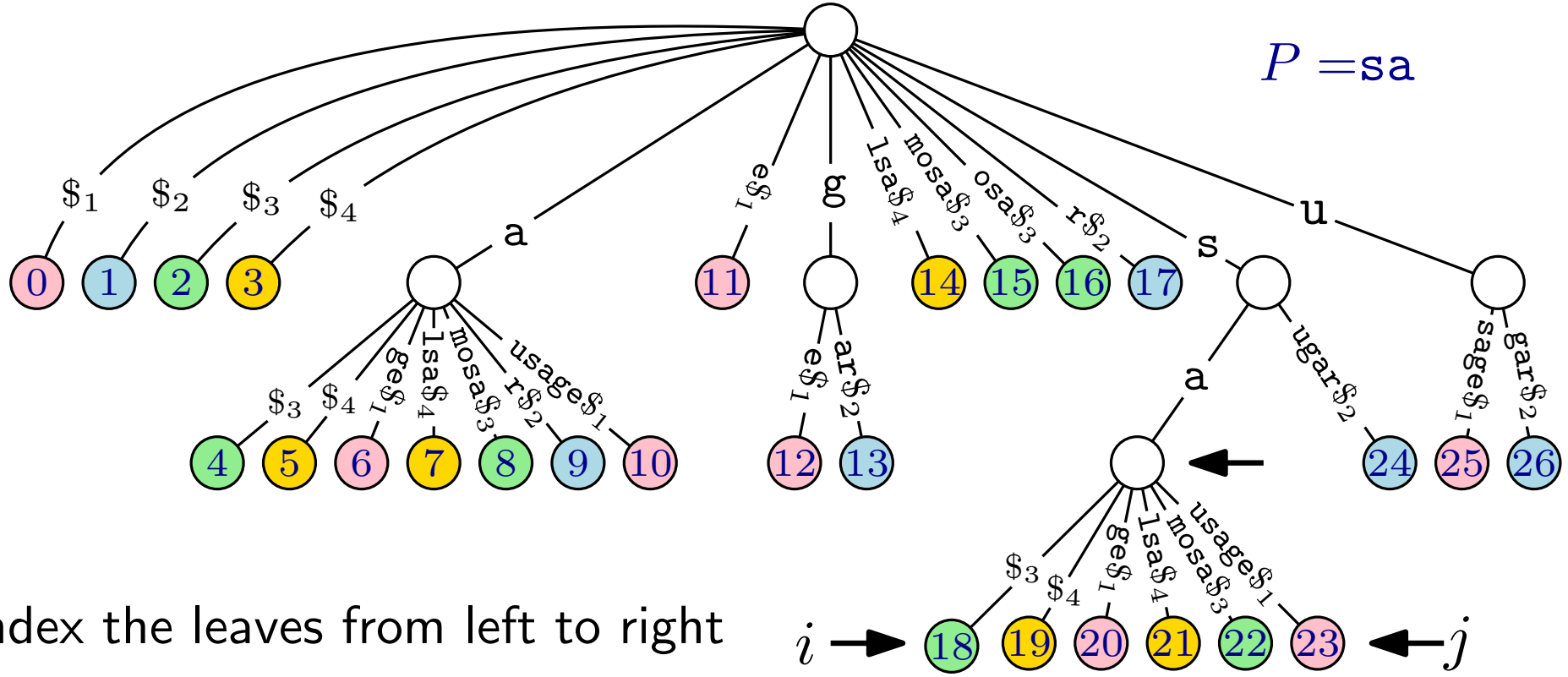


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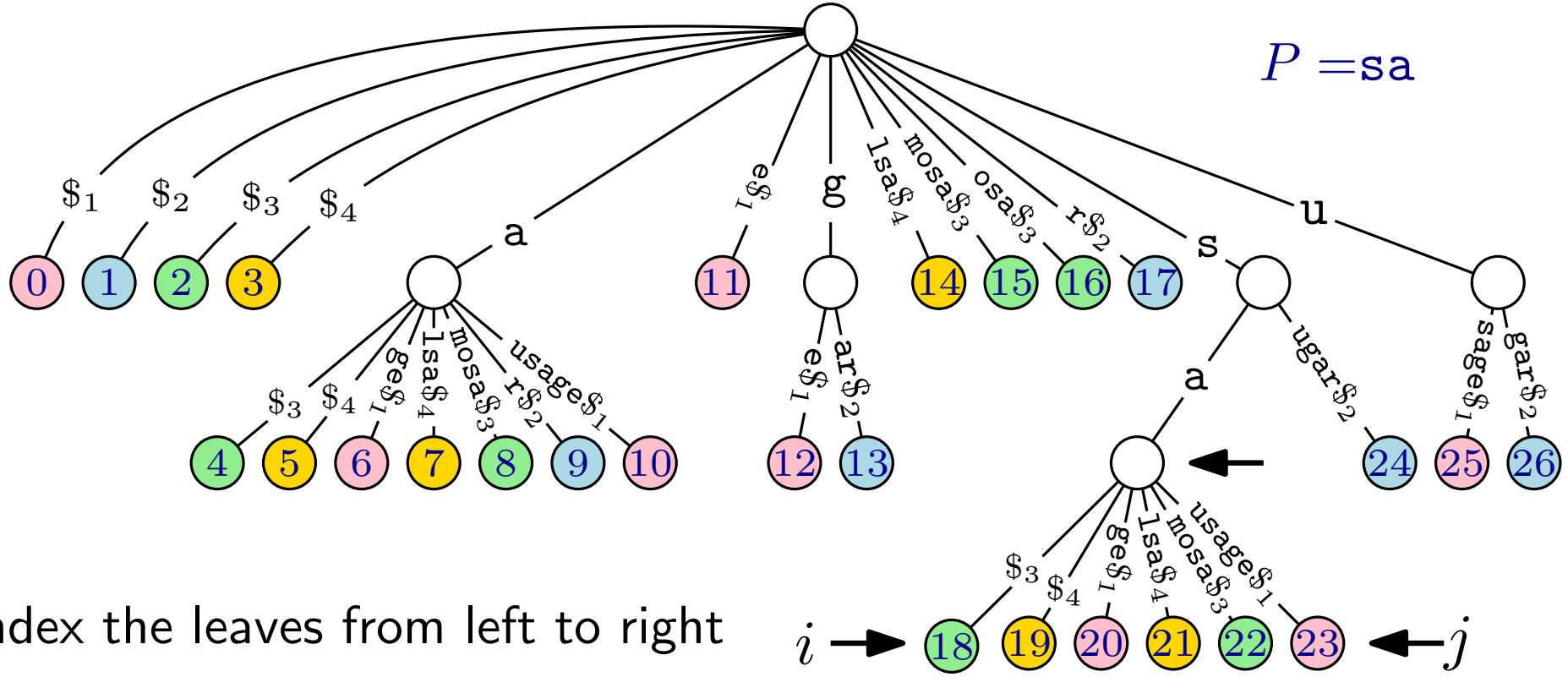


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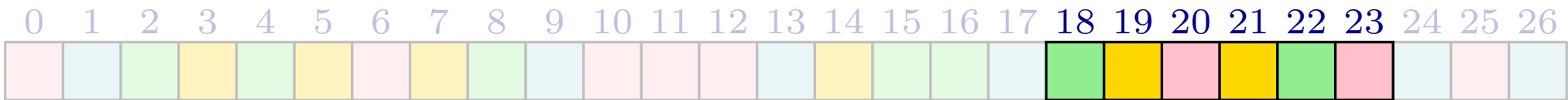


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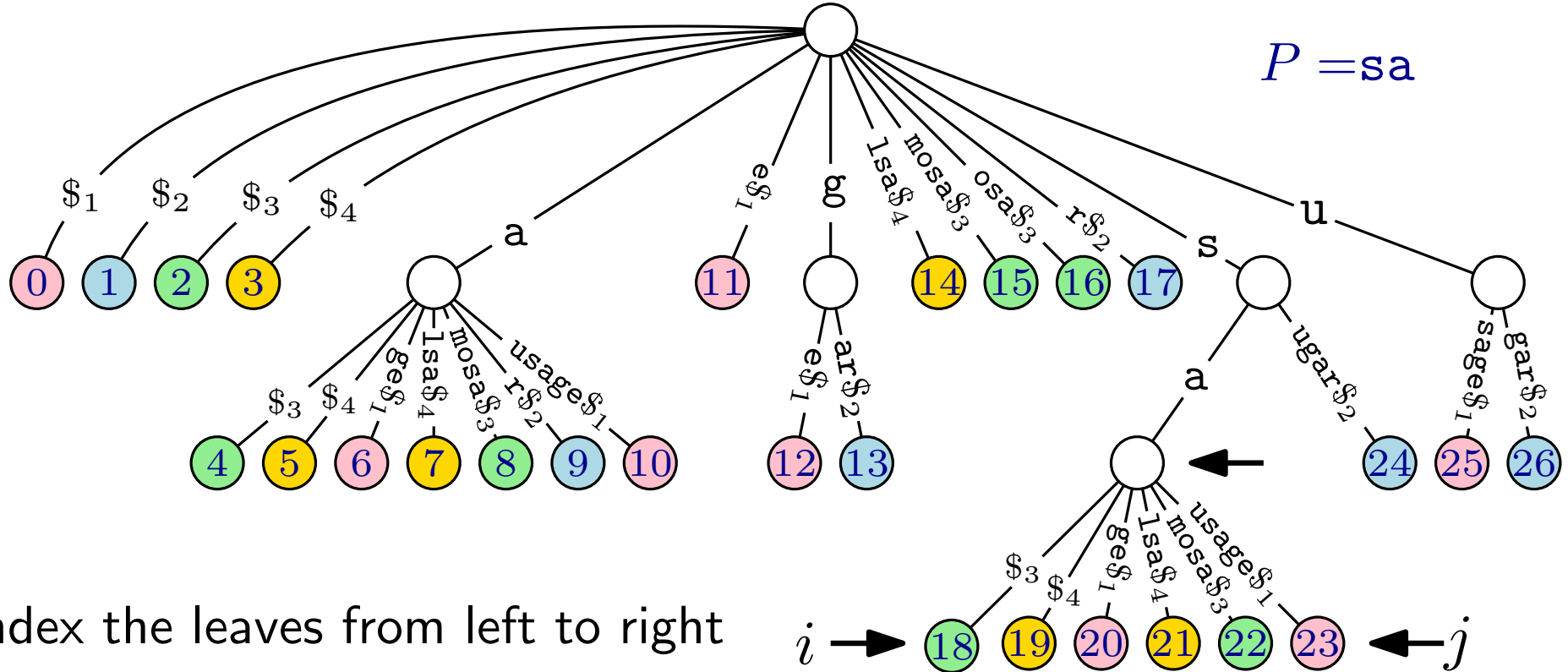
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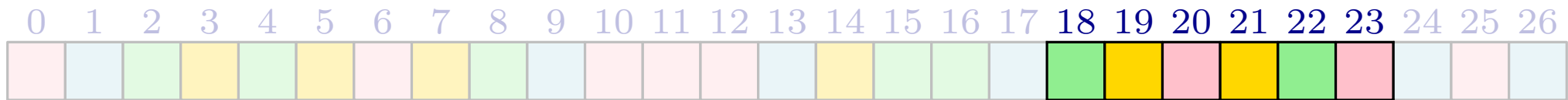
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Applications: Document Retrieval



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Constructing Suffix Trees & Suffix Arrays

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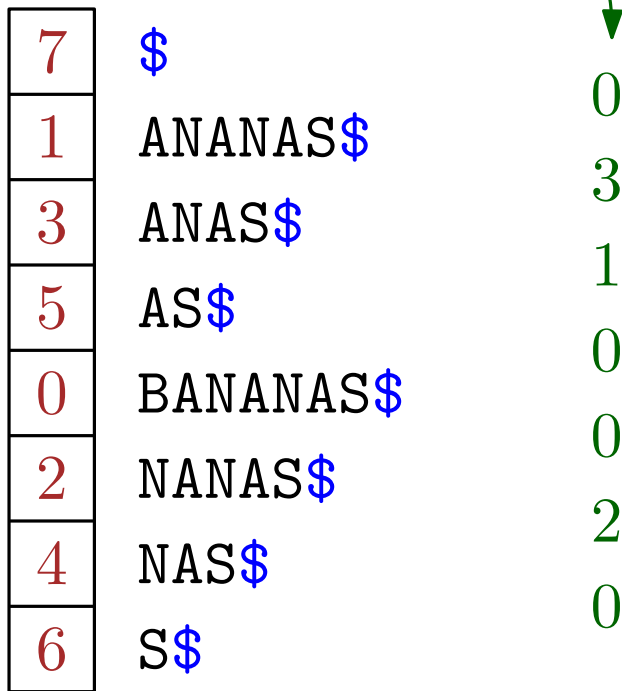
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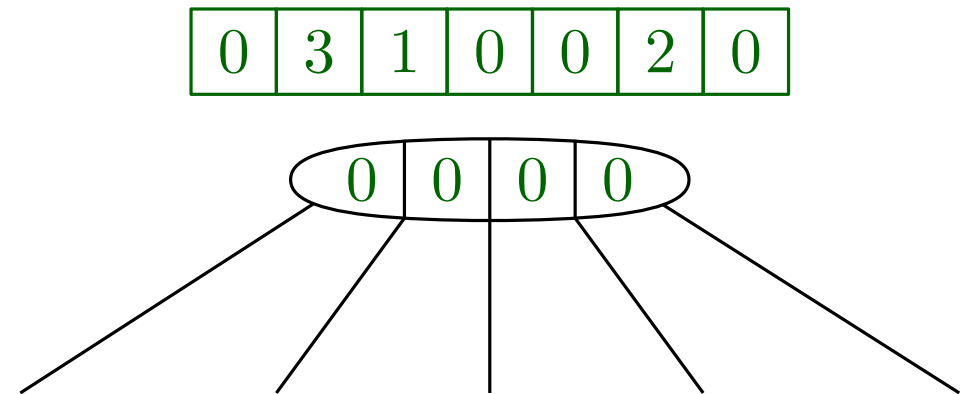
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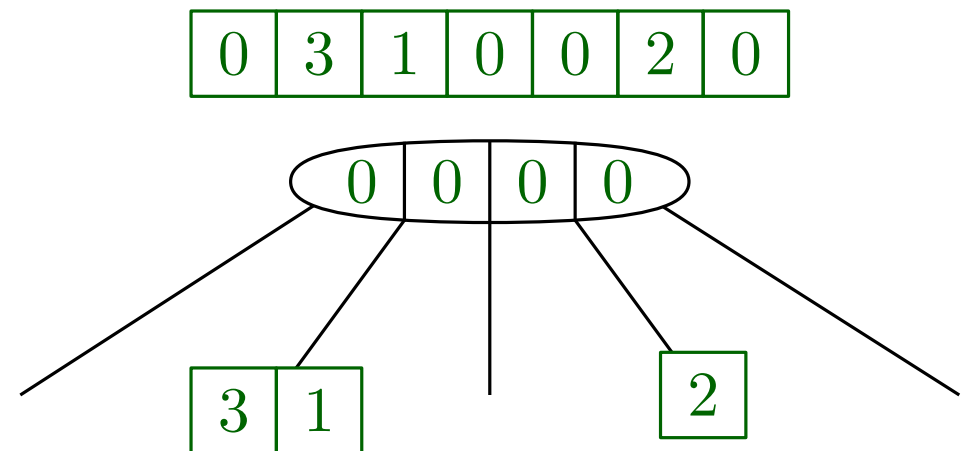
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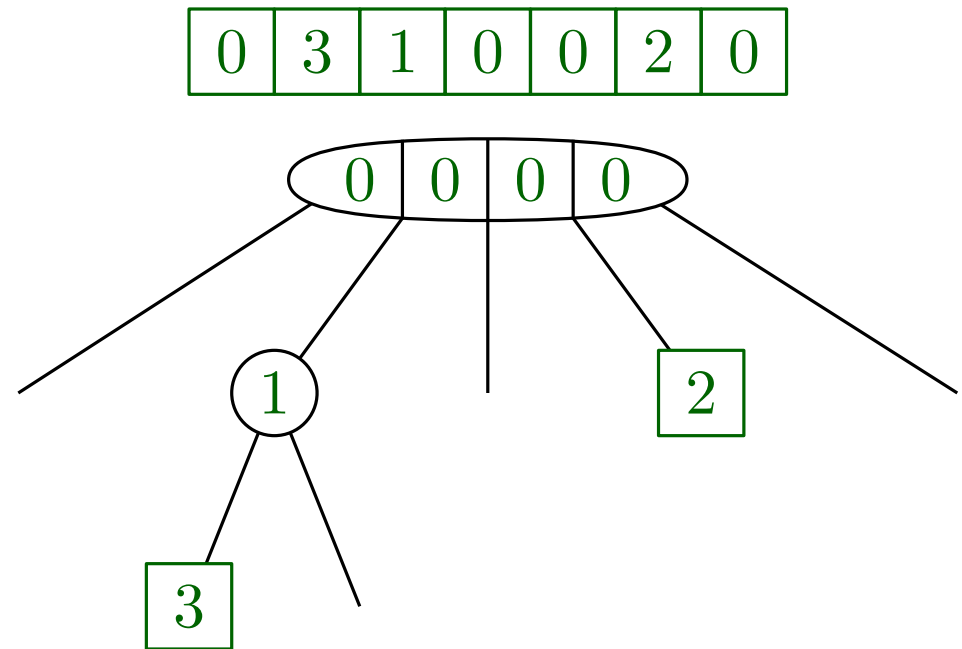
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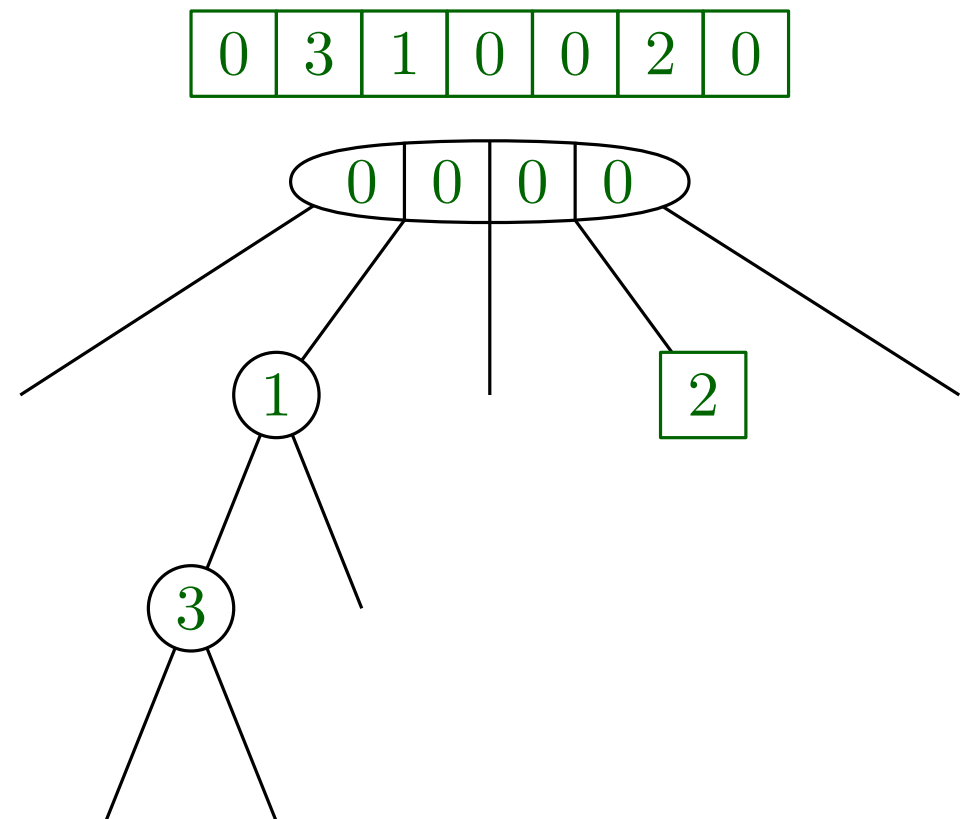
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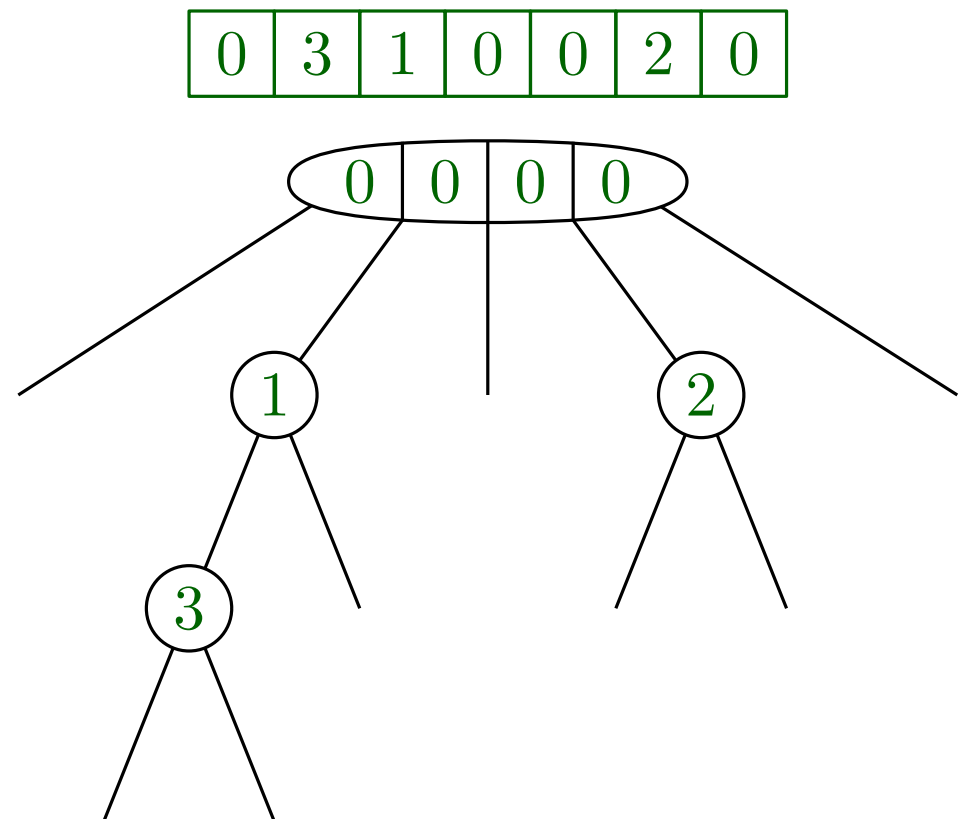
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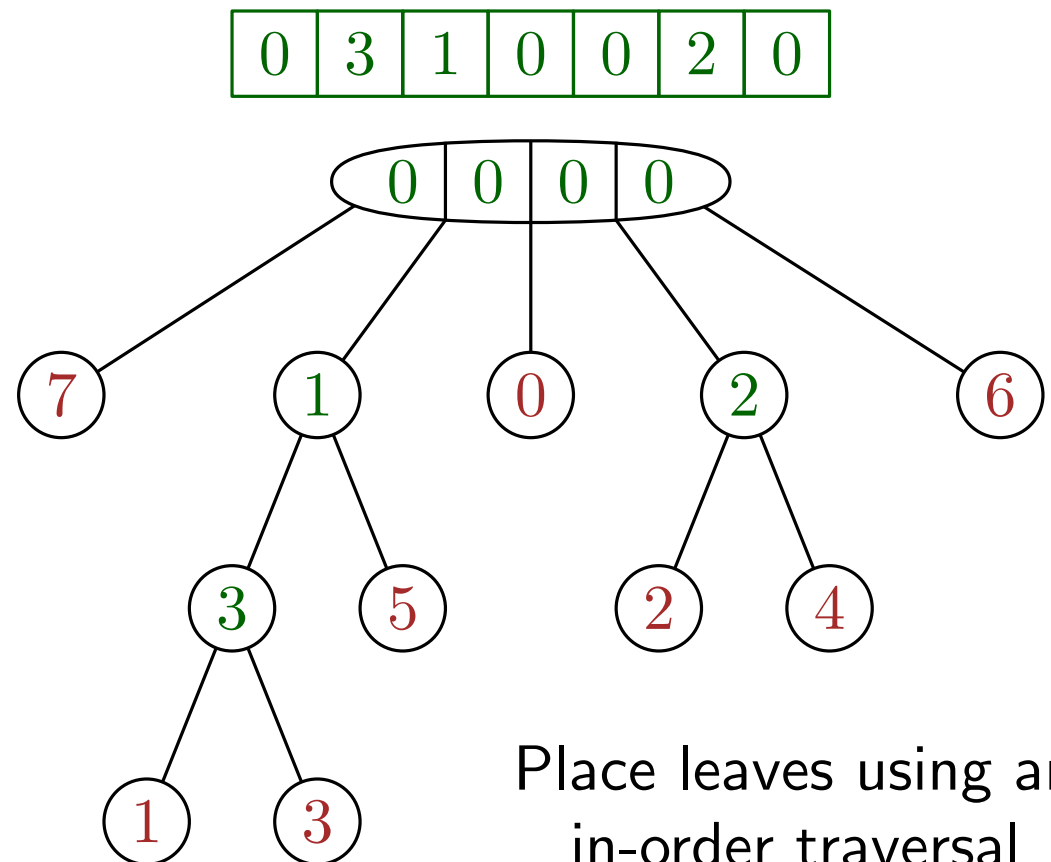
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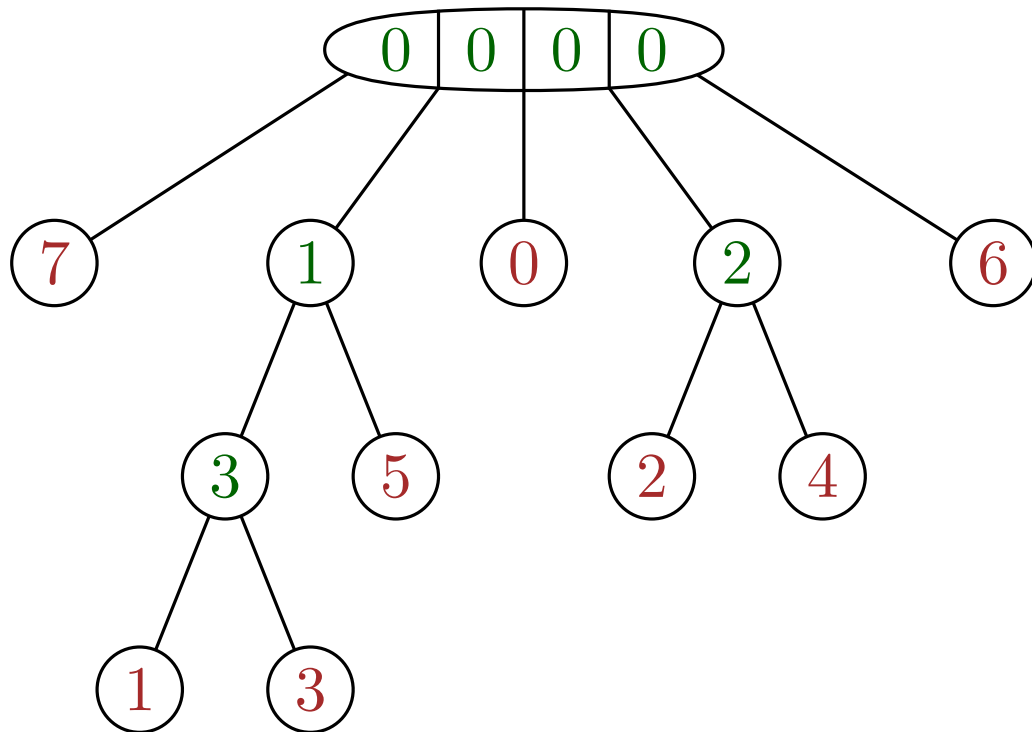
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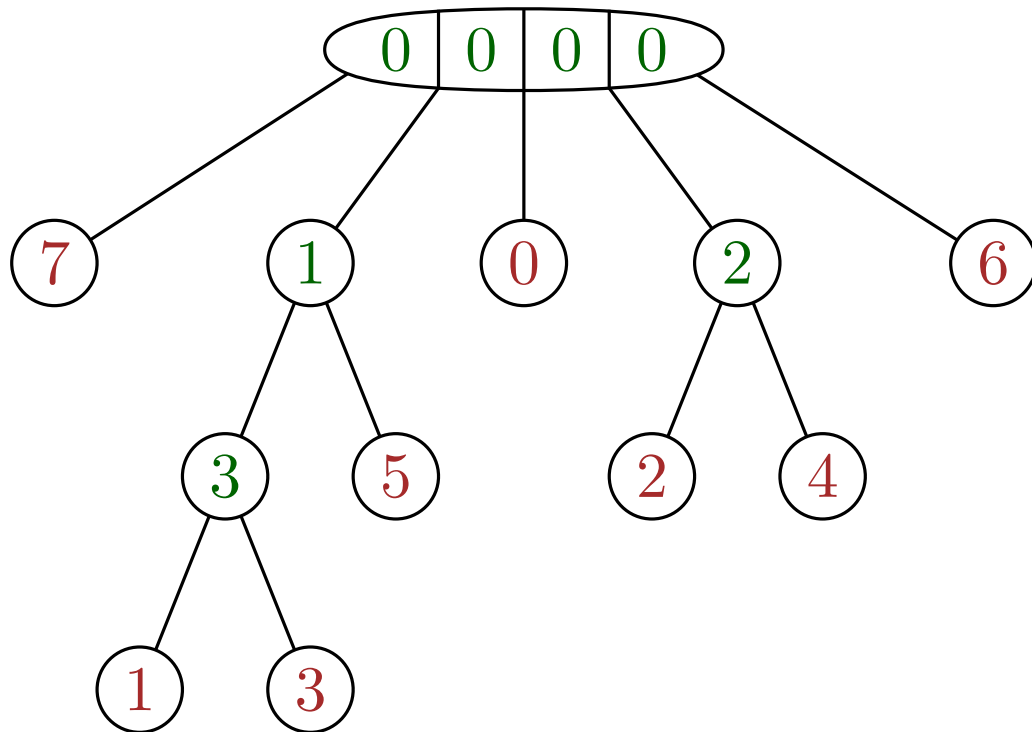
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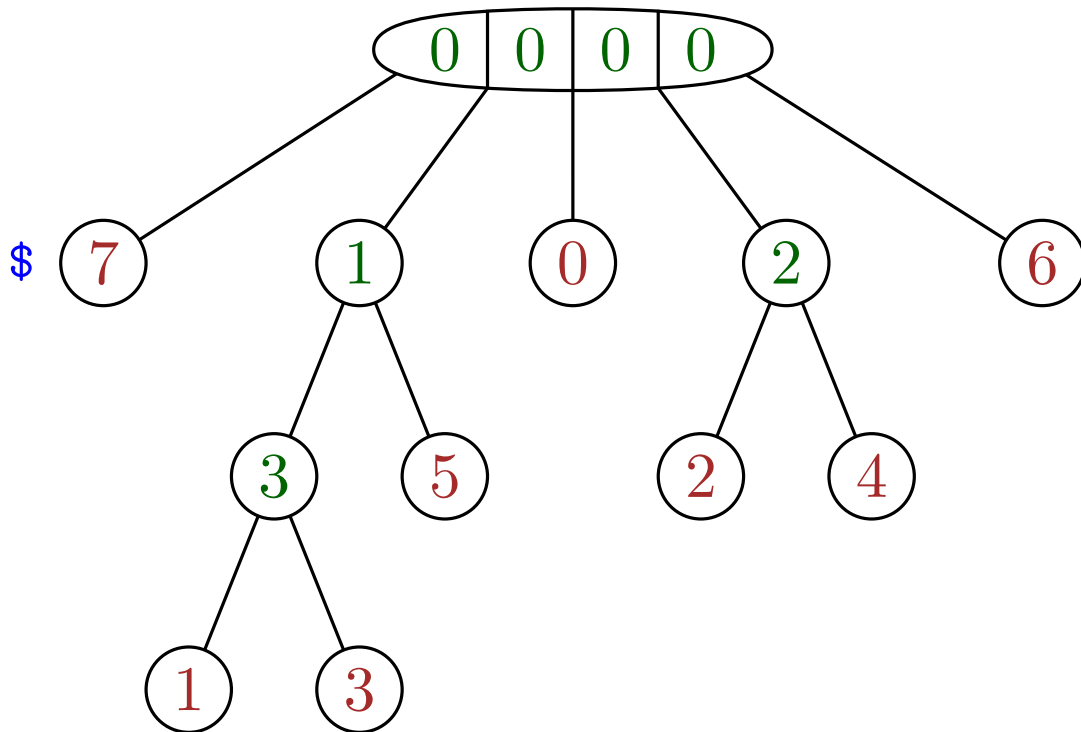
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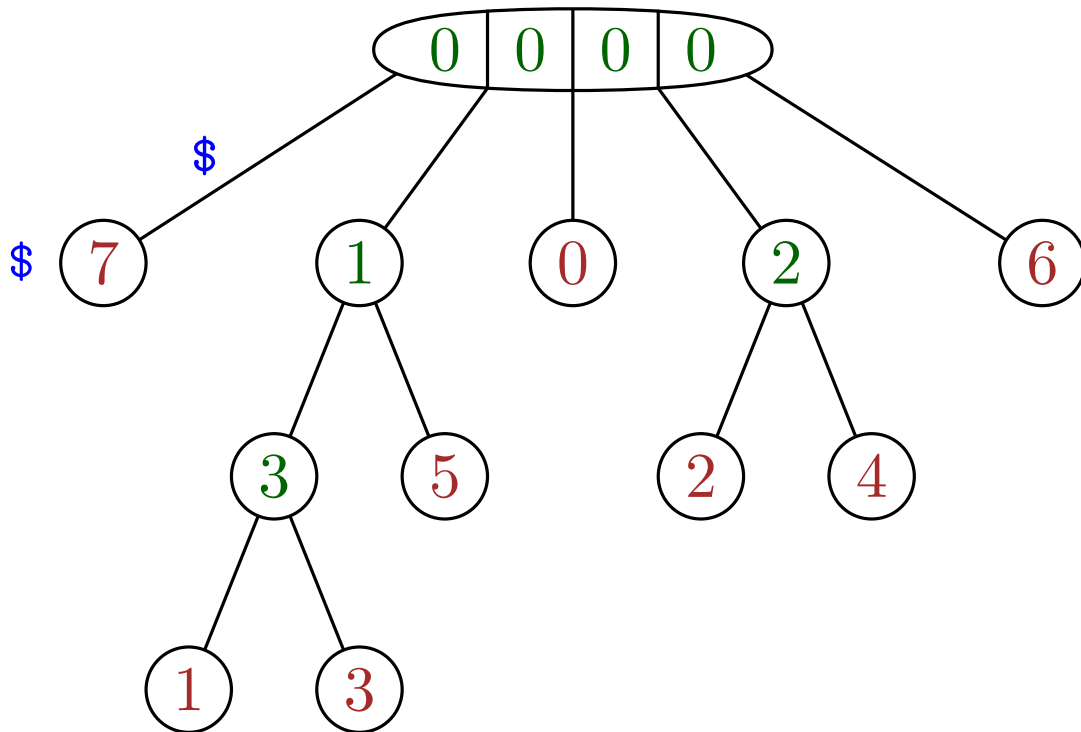
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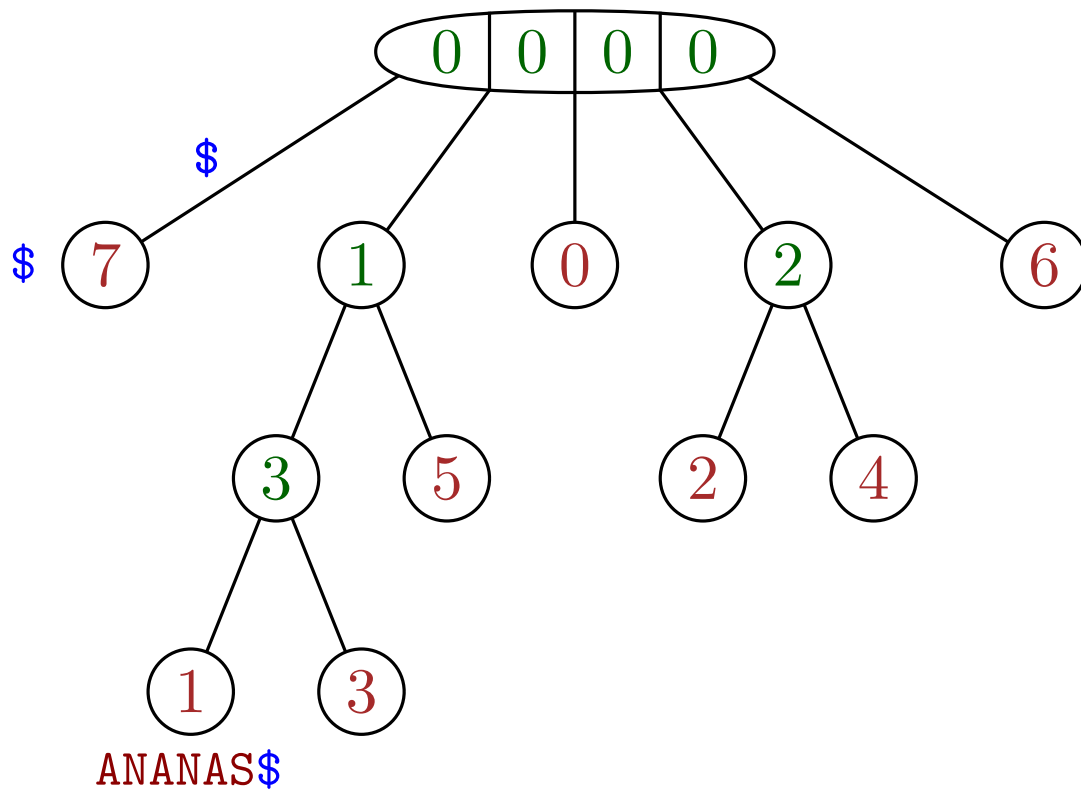
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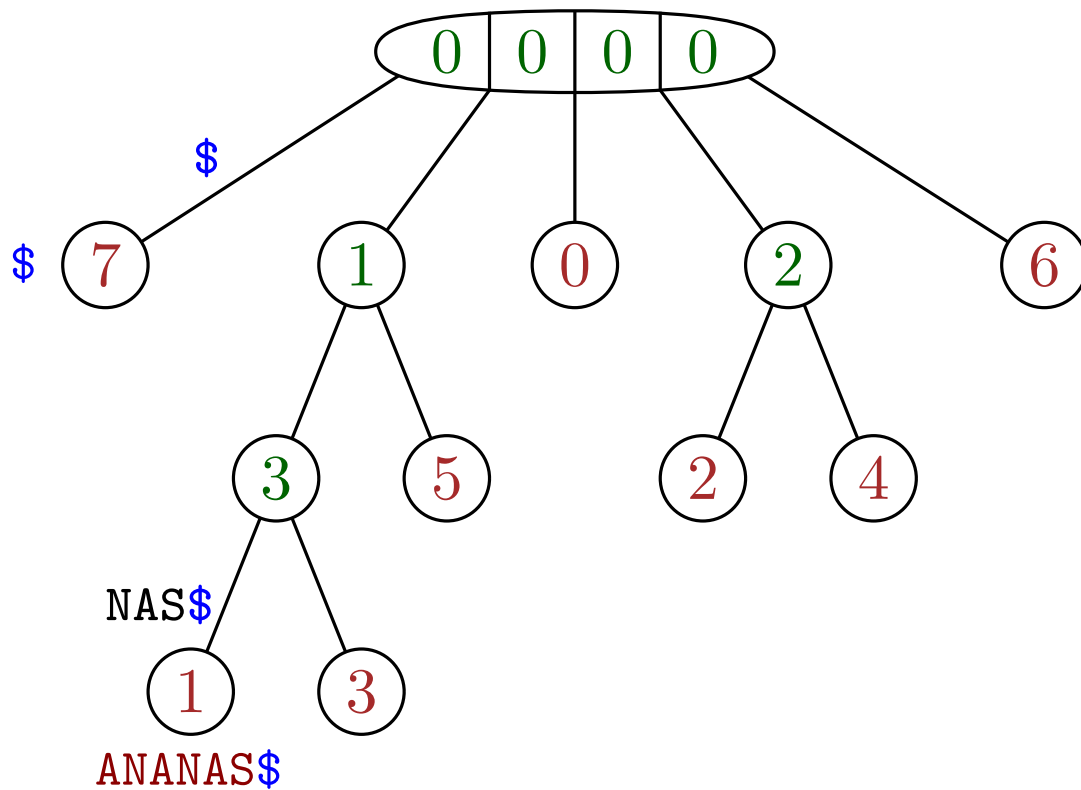
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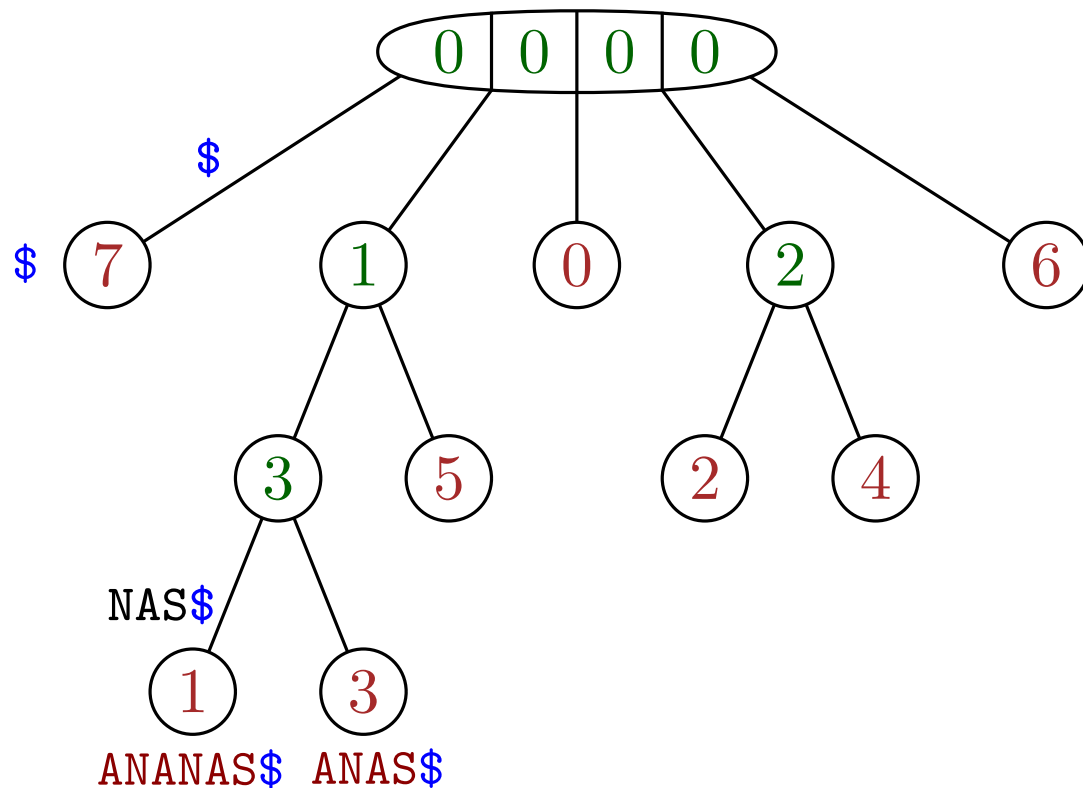
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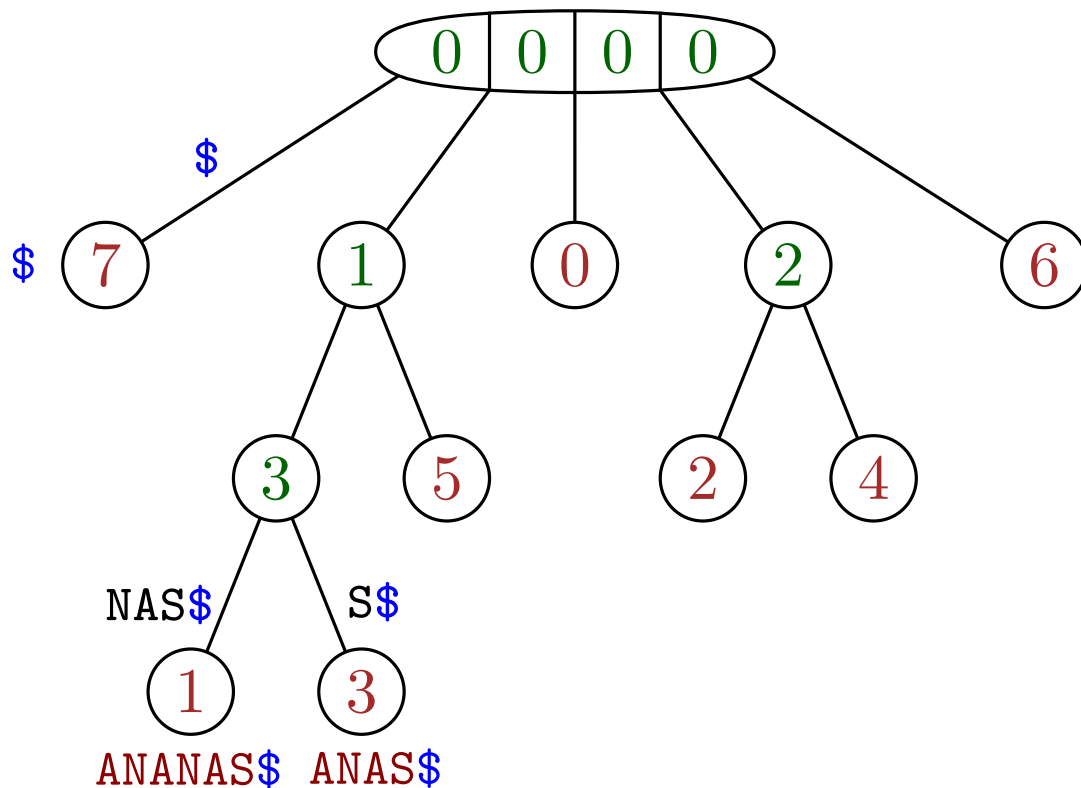
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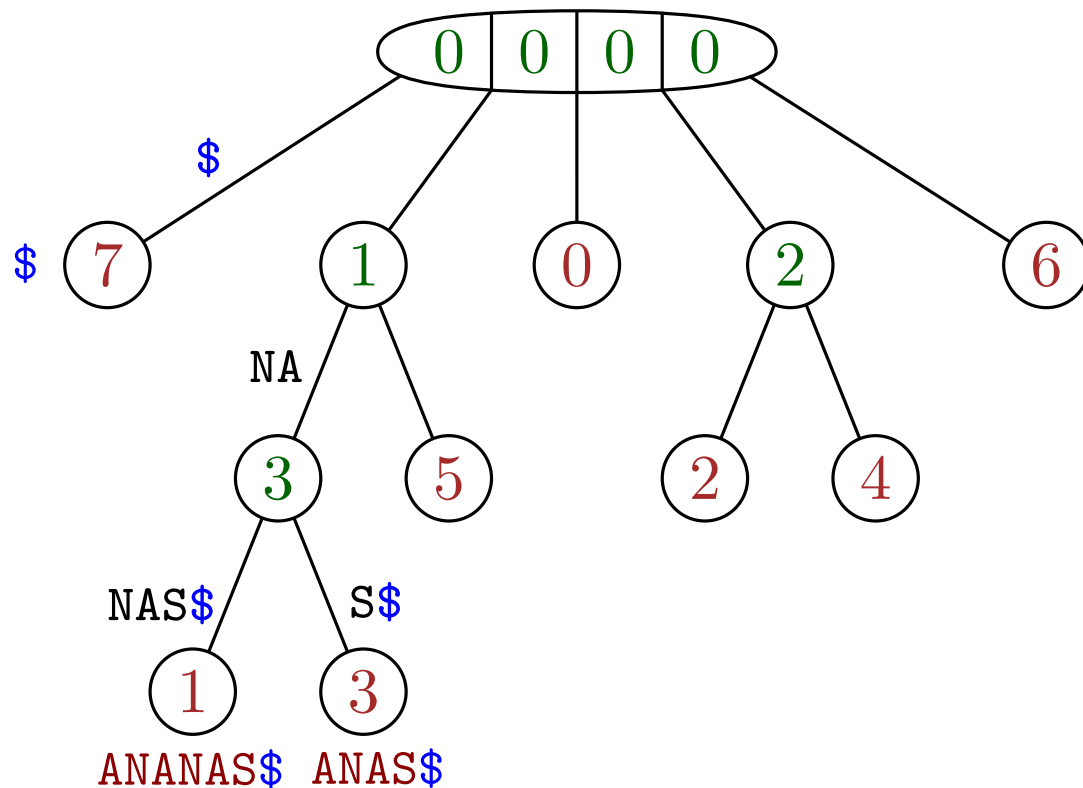
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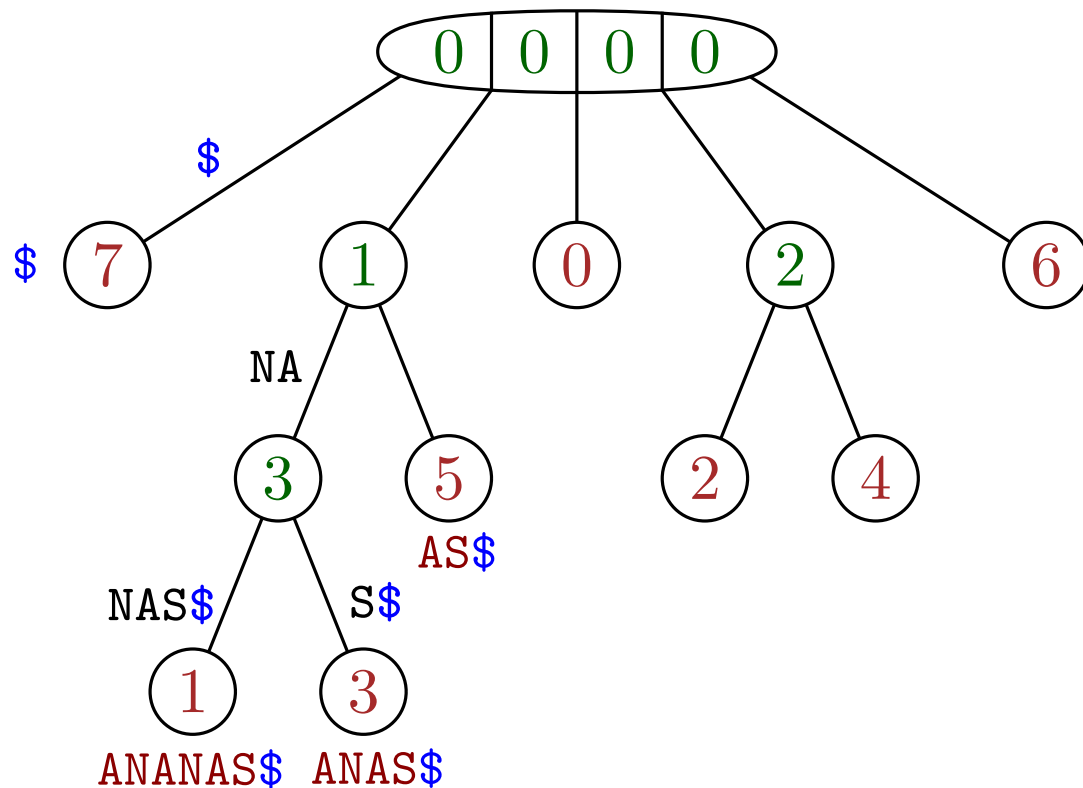
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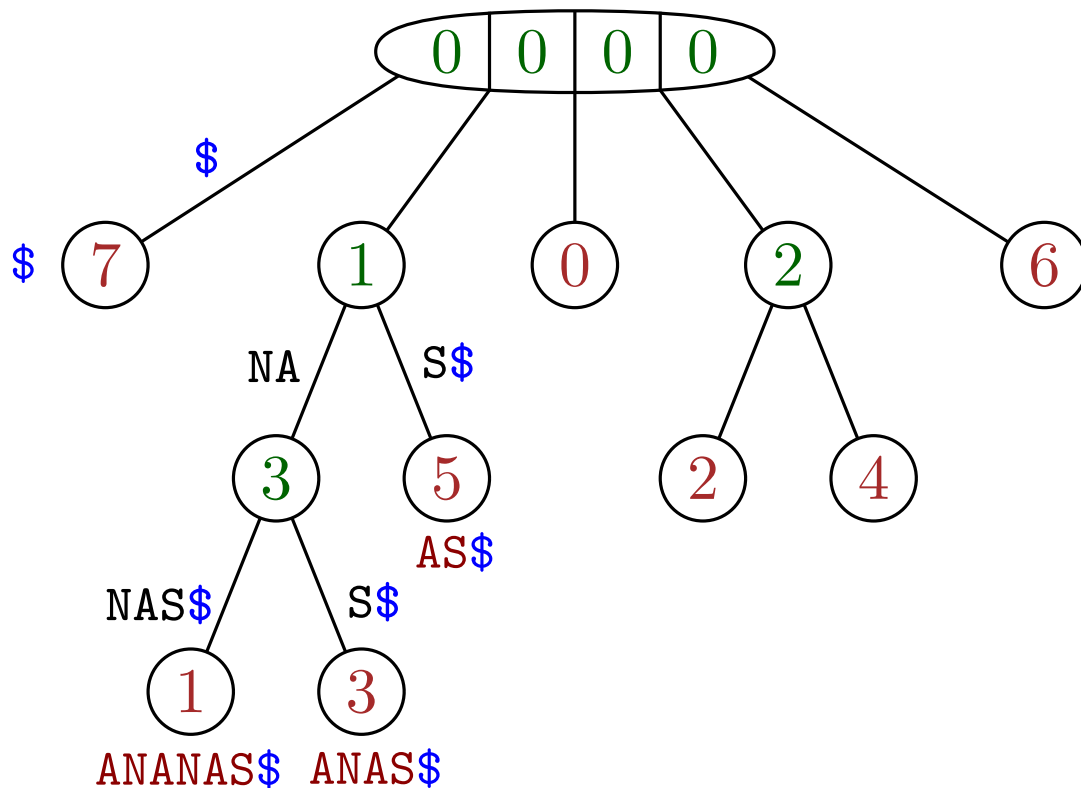
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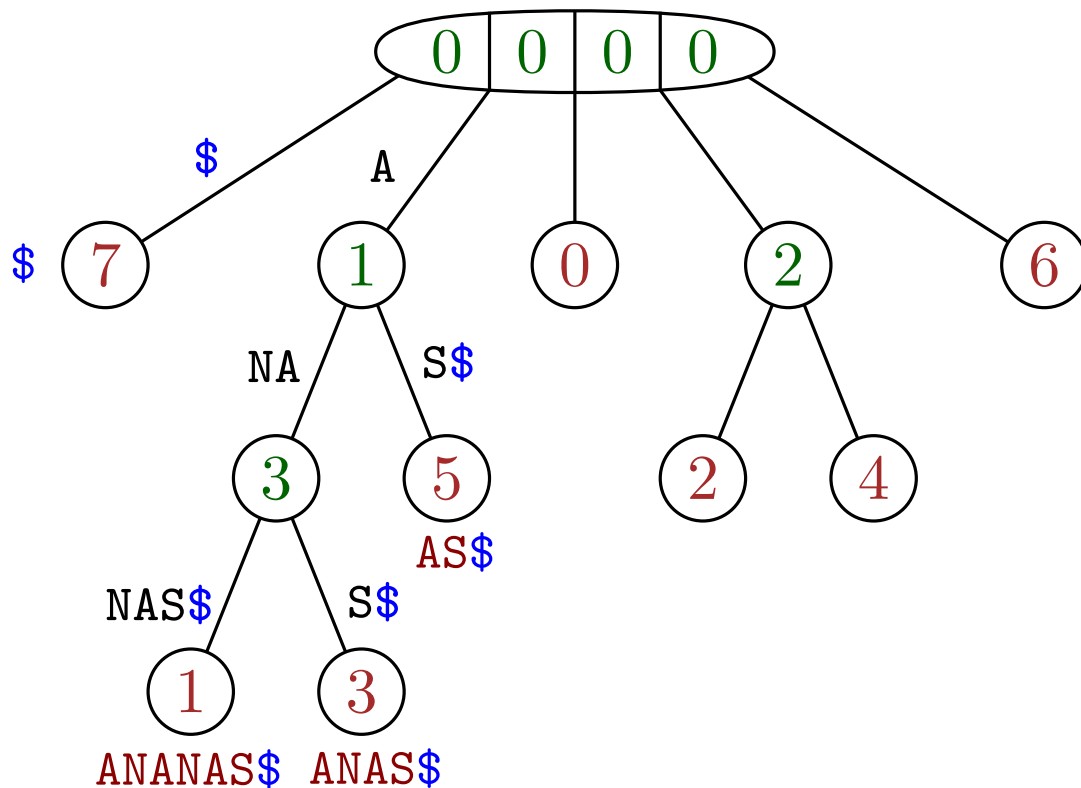
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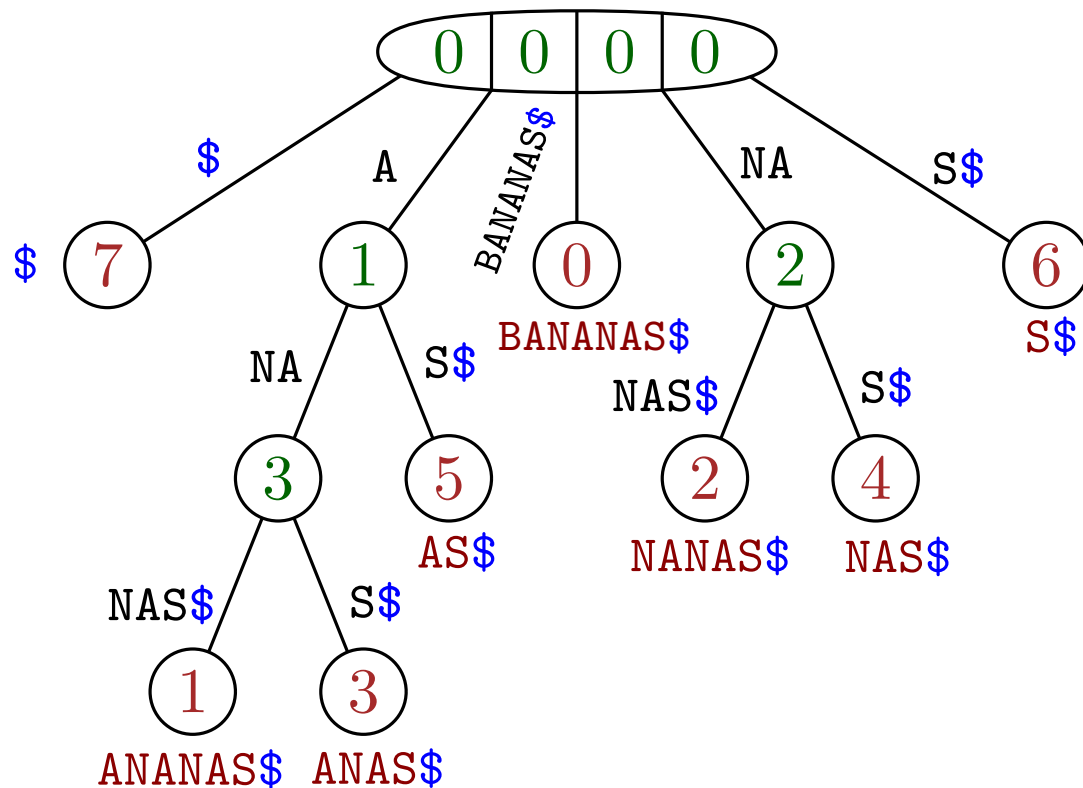
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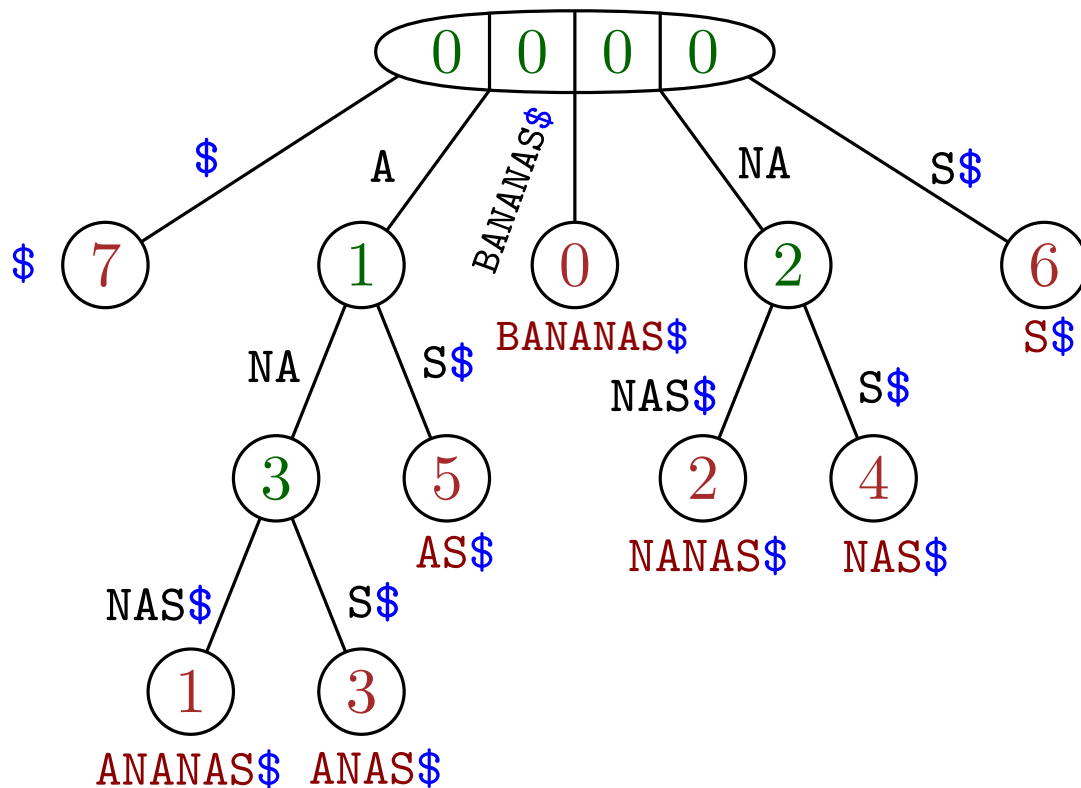
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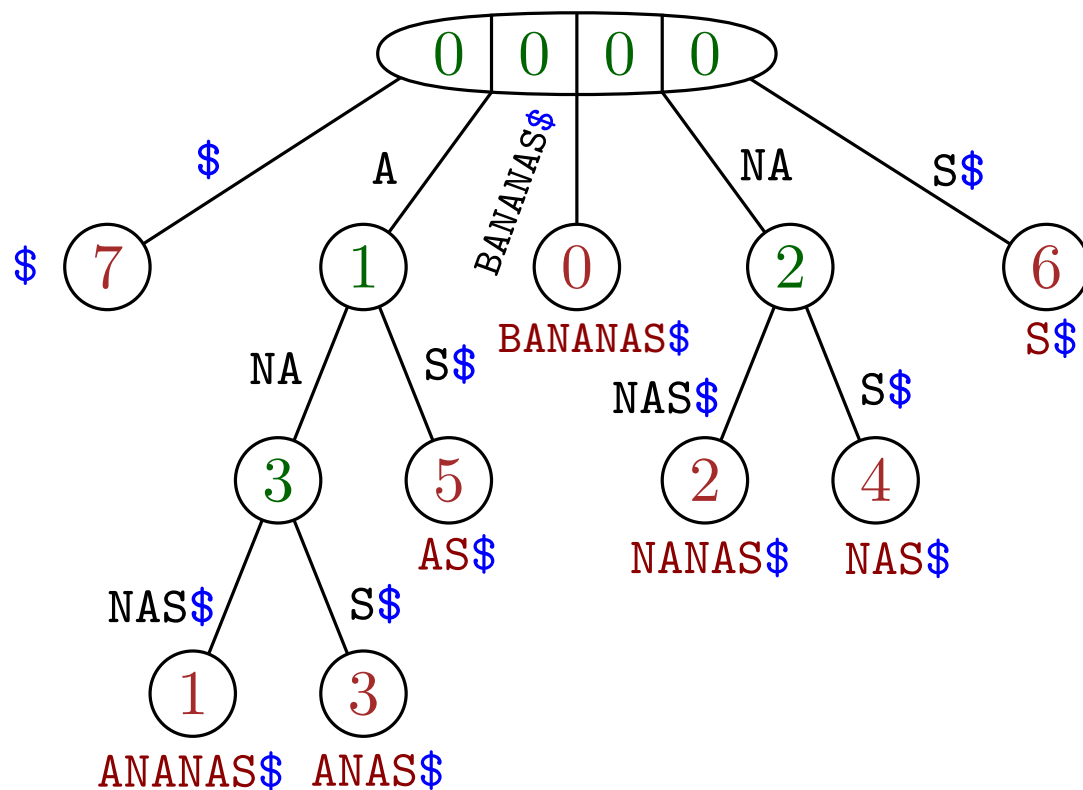


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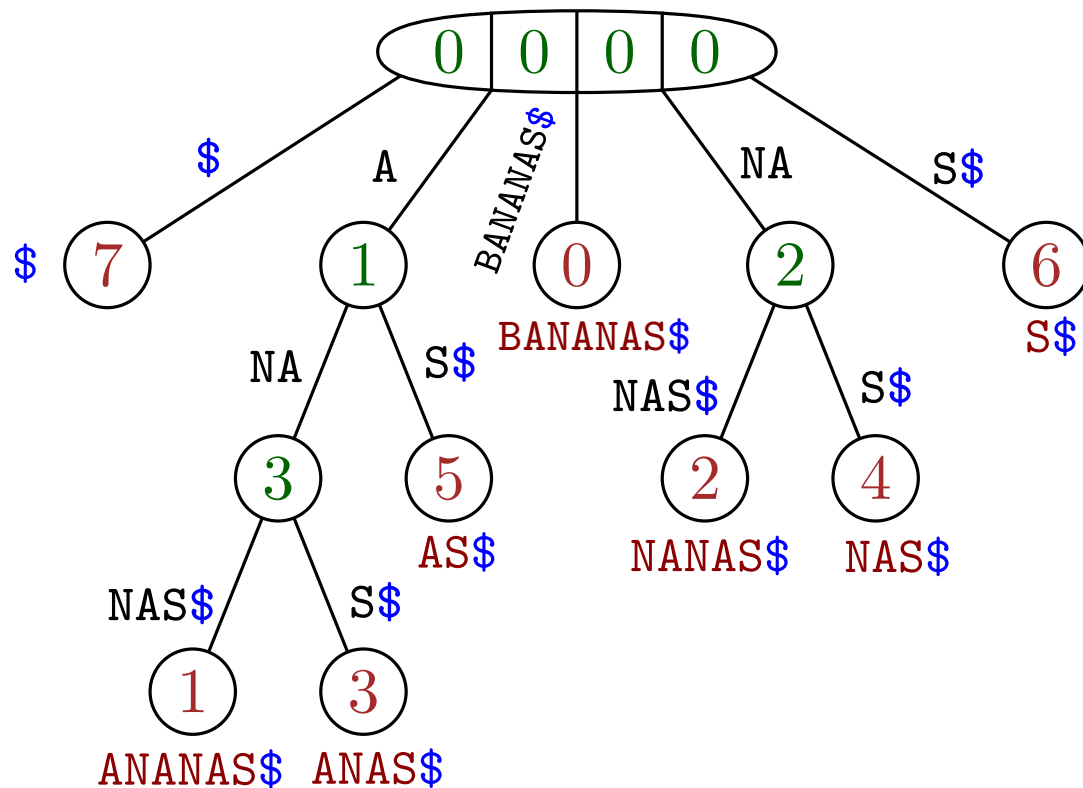
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